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Regents ignore proposal—get higher fees

Board accepts 10.6 hike to save faculty salaries

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Monday's special meeting of the Board of Regents resulted in a 10.6 percent hike in student fees for 1991-92 after College President Julio Leon's 7.9 percent recommendation was denied at Friday's regular meeting.

The new fees of \$53 per credit hour under 12 hours and subsequently \$39 per credit hour will raise the cost of a typical load of 15 hours to \$753. This will generate an estimated \$604,669 in increased revenue.

Some regents were concerned that the original proposal, which allowed for little faculty salary increase, was

not enough to maintain the quality of the institution.

"I'm worried about losing faculty," regent Frank Dunaway said. "I'm afraid that's what might happen if our salaries aren't competitive."

The fees adopted Monday would provide a 3.5 percent increase in salaries. According to Leon, Missouri Southern spends 59 percent of its budget on instruction.

"We spend the largest percentage of any state college on instruction, but still spend the least amount," he said.

Regent Cynthia Schwab said the increase in fees could be viewed in a positive manner.

"This can also be looked at as a

benefit to the students because without the funding, the College can not run," Schwab said. "I really feel the regents would not do the students a favor by cutting back on the quality of education."

Mary Hanewinkel, student regent, said her consensus of student opinion reveals concern about the new fees.

"They seem to feel it is inevitable, but wonder if there are other ways the money can be raised," Hanewinkel told the regents. "We don't want the quality of education to go down, but perhaps the quality of life—things that happen on campus—could be cut down."

Plans for cutbacks in 1991-92 include \$100,000 for equipment, \$27,000 for operations, and \$75,000 for other savings, for a total of \$202,000. However, these cutbacks will not cover the estimated higher costs of \$490,000 for salaries, \$150,000 for health insurance, \$60,000 for min-

imum wages, and postal increases, and \$110,000 for prior commitments, for a total of \$810,000.

The prior commitments include a new head for the English department, new foreign language faculty, and updating the library's automated catalog system.

Leon said he understands students' concerns regarding the increase, but a lack of state funding has tied the College's hands, leaving an increase in student fees the most viable option for generating funds.

"The cost of an education is about four to five times higher than what they (students) pay," he said. "Their fees are minimal to what the state pays."

The state picks up about 75 percent of the total cost of an education, and according to Leon, Gov. John Ashcroft has recommended \$100 million less than current funding for higher education. Further, Leon said

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| MU | \$995 |
| SMSU | 870 |
| CMSU | 840 |
| Lincoln | 825 |
| NEMSU | 804 |
| NWMSU | 750 |
| SEMO | 745 |
| Mo. West | 684 |
| MSSC | 681 |
| Harris-Stowe | 652 |

for 5,000 students," he said.

Southern ranks the lowest in percent of state appropriations per full-time equivalent student. This year, the College received 57 percent of the state average, compared to the University of Missouri's 135 percent.

When Hanewinkel wondered whether "the people in Jefferson City are aware of these figures," regent Gilbert Roper provided his opinion as to why the legislation has proved unyielding thus far.

"We're faced with the cold reality of politics," Roper said. "That's exactly what it is."

Leon said Southern is "just the little guy, not the big fish in the pot." Even the "big fish," he said, are feeling the pinch and are looking to the students to make up the difference.

"The state has shifted the cost to

the legislature has continually failed to recognize Southern's growing enrollment when dividing higher education funds among state colleges.

"We're essentially operating a 6,000-student campus on a budget

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BEFORE THE STORM HITS



(From left to right) Rugby Club players Sean Dodson, Jesse Fields, and Phil Hamilton practiced on the soccer field under stormy skies last week.

Budget problems constrict project

Arena not high on College's list

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Supporting the push for a multi-purpose building on Missouri Southern's campus is one thing—finding the money for it is another.

Things are moving slowly on plans for such a facility here, as different committees have met to form strategy on how to sell the building to the four-state area. Chances are that's where the money will come from, as state funds for such capital improvements are almost non-existent.

"We really don't expect any state funding for this," said College President Julio Leon. "It's possible we might get some, but we're not looking for it."

Officials say the building will be similar in size, cost, and structure to the Show-Me Center at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. The arena is a big draw there, as everything from rock concerts to rodeos are the main attractions. Southern officials had heard much about SEMO's building, and last summer they traveled to Cape to look at the Show-Me Center and get a feel for what they were getting into.

"We're still waiting to get statistics from them on how many have attended their attractions and other things," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

In its 50-mile radius, the Show-Me Center serves an audience of about 250,000 people. The same radius for the Joplin area holds more than 300,000, which could add to the size estimates for the facility. Right now, officials estimate the cost of Southern's structure at \$15-17 million, but that could change as additions or deletions are made to the structure's

original blueprints. Preliminary sketches of it were unveiled to the multi-purpose committee last fall.

Those involved with the project have made the rounds of Joplin's surrounding communities, hoping to secure support. Verbal backing has been obtained, but money-in-hand has presented another problem for organizers.

"We really have to tell what the benefits will be," Tiede said. "You can build a case that it will be an extremely beneficial building for the whole county. But finding the money will be difficult."

Tiede said the building's design sub-committee is searching for ways to fund the project, and he said a tax question is not being ruled out.

"We are exploring the need for a county-wide vote for financing," he said.

One possible avenue for funding might be the stadium bill, passed last year in the General Assembly to help pay for arenas and special-event venues in larger population areas in the state. Cities in first-class counties—classified on the basis of the amount of sales tax generated—are eligible. But Jasper County will have to wait until at least 1992, when it achieves first-class county status. Jackson, St. Louis, Greene, and Boone counties all are first-class counties.

"Even if we were eligible, the climate in the legislature is not the greatest for new ventures," Leon said. "I would think it would be very difficult to find funding even as a first-class county."

They're tapping city officials and chambers of commerce for support for the building, Tiede said. The

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Geography may hinder minority employment

College still actively pursuing policy on affirmative action despite low figures

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
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Affirmative action at Missouri Southern does not mean meeting quotas, but rather giving minorities special consideration when hiring.

Doug Coen, affirmative action officer at Southern, said the law says there can be no discrimination in hiring practices on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, or age.

"We are very careful not to discriminate," Coen said. "We lean over backwards to make sure any of those minorities receive a second look."

Currently, Coen reports 40 percent of full-time Southern employees to be women and 3.5 percent to be ethnic minorities. By comparison, Missouri Western State College's most recent available figures from the fall of 1989 show its ethnic minority percentage to be 4.5, but it assumes the number is higher this year.

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said the percent of ethnic minorities is probably

low because of Southern's geography.

"It's a priority with us to achieve cultural and ethnic diversity within our faculty and staff, but quite frankly, it's difficult," Brown said. "If we were in a metropolitan area where there was a little more variety, our employees would probably reflect that variety."

this area. "I'm here because I enjoy it here."

He said one concern of his is that Southern's graduating seniors may not be prepared to work with people from other cultures. Also, Cade thinks the percent of minority employees should be relative to the percent of minority students.

According to Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, for the fall semester, Southern's minority students totaled

Coen said the College's philosophy is to hire the best qualified candidate regardless of other conditions. It does, however, give minorities special consideration, to be sure that they are given an equal chance in the hiring process.

Applicants for a position with Southern are sent an affirmative action survey to determine whether the candidate is a minority. Those cards are given a second look by the search committees.

"If it weren't for the survey, there would be no way to tell," he said. "We want to give minorities every opportunity."

Cade said affirmative action definitely is needed in the nation. He is concerned that it may soon be non-existent because of bills triggered by reverse discrimination.

"I personally don't think we're at the point now in society where we can throw it (affirmative action) out," Cade said.

"In the next 10 years, you would be amazed at what is going to happen to affirmative action," Cade said.

In an interview with *The Chart*, College President Julio Leon said Southern "was not where we want to be" in terms of minority hiring

"When you accept a job, you have to not only teach there, but live there. A person would have to feel comfortable living in this area. I'm here because I enjoy it here."

—Al Cade, instructor of physical education

Al Cade, a black instructor of physical education, also said the area of southwest Missouri could be a deterrent for minority groups.

"You have to look at where we're at," Cade said. "Some people just have a tough time. When you accept a job, you have to not only teach there, but live there. A person would have to feel comfortable living in

3.25 percent of the student body. Other schools, like Missouri Western, report higher numbers.

Southern's minority employee percentage is slightly higher than its minority student percentage.

Cade does not believe Southern should resort to setting quotas to insure the number of minority employees as some other colleges do.

\$2.5 million bequest coming College's way

A bequest of about \$2.5 million has been left to the school of business, *The Chart* learned yesterday.

Pat Phelps, president of the College's Board of Regents, said he knew of the bequest and that it amounted to about \$2.5 million. He would not say who or what estate had left the money.

The gift may be from the estate of Harold Youngman, a Baxter Springs, Kan., building contractor. Youngman, former owner of the old Holiday Inn in Joplin, is recognized in the Southern Lantern Society's "Hall of Honor" as the only benefactor to give \$1 million or more. Youngman died in October at the age of 89.

Neither College officials or the

Missouri Southern Foundation would comment on the gift. Sue Billingsly, foundation director, acknowledged that a multi-million dollar bequest was being made to the College, but refused further comment pending a meeting with lawyers of the estate later this week.

Earlier, the bequest was said to be as high as \$10 million. That figure has been trimmed down, though officials are silent about specifics of the bequest.

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, said he knew nothing of the bequest. He added that he would not be privy to such information until the donation was finalized. "I would definitely be interested," he said.

Zustiak to travel overseas

Nursing student chosen for Austria conference

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
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Mary Zustiak's path to a nursing degree has gotten longer, by about 3,000 miles. Zustiak, an honors student who will graduate in May with an associate's degree in nursing, will work toward a bachelor's degree in nursing. But before she begins classes next fall, she jets to Vienna, Austria to attend a conference on international nursing care. She was selected from a pool of 250 applicants nationwide and is believed to be the only student selected from Missouri.



Mary Zustiak

"I am excited to say the least," Zustiak said. "Everyone wants to come with me." She learned of her selection Monday after walking into the nursing office. Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing, was reading a letter announcing her honor.

"She said 'I'm reading about you,'"

Zustiak said. "Everyone was excited." Zustiak was nominated in December by Box and Willie Shippey, assistant professor of nursing. Box said attending the conference is considered a high honor.

"Mary is certainly very deserving of this," Box said. "It speaks well for her as well as the nursing department. That she's going to Austria for this also bodes well for the College's international mission."

The Aug. 19-23 conference, with expected attendance from representatives of several countries, will bring together critical care nurses from very diverse cultures to learn about each other and about the art and science of critical care nursing from a universal perspective.

All of Zustiak's expenses are covered for the trip, including about \$200 in spending money. She will arrive two days before the scheduled start of the five-day conference in order to overcome jetlag and get a day's worth of sightseeing in.

Part of the agreement when accepting the trip is that Zustiak will have to give a report to the nursing program about what she learned.

But in addition to gathering new information on international nursing,

Zustiak also will tote a camera, hoping to find Vienna's best shots. She already has numerous orders for souvenirs from members of the nursing program.

"I'm asking that they supply a suitcase," Zustiak said. "Most of them want to go along."

But aside from fact gathering and sightseeing, the trip will take on extra meaning for Zustiak. Time permitting, she is planning to rent a car and drive to the Czechoslovakia border to step in the land once lived in by her husband's parents. She hopes to visit the town where they lived, which burned down during World War II.

But as expected, the trip may be in jeopardy because of the Persian Gulf war. Heightened tensions over terrorism have caused some to wonder if the conference might be cancelled.

"We'll be going through Heathrow Airport in London which is a prime target," Zustiak said. "But I think the trip would be worth any risk that presented itself."

Preliminary program topics include advanced clinical practice, a global nursing shortage, and trends and controversies in nursing.

ARMS FOLDED AND WAITING



Sid Shouse, controller and assistant vice president for business affairs, and Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, listen to discussion concerning tuition at Friday's Board of Regents meeting.

Gubera tells of trip to Japan

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

More than 30 students and faculty gathered Saturday to hear Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, discuss Japan's educational system.

The three-hour lecture, held in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center, was sponsored by World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE) and the Model United Nations club. The focus was on a trip Gubera made to Japan in September.

During the trip, Gubera and other educators from around the world toured Japanese schools and learned firsthand about the country's educational system.

"Their emphasis and philosophy on education certainly is again discipline," he said, "with also time on task and a lot of hard discipline, as far as your academics and your scholarship is concerned."

Gubera said part of the discipline the Japanese emphasize stems around the ritual of homework.

"A lot of homework is not graded, just turned in,"

Gubera said students are graded on whether they complete the assignment, not by the actual content.

"The idea is to see the discipline associated with completing the homework and the discipline associated with school," he said.

According to Gubera, Japanese students spend a great deal of their

time in school.

"The idea is to make you spend a lot of time around the school, so if nothing else, you begin to like the place and have as much fun as you have discipline."

Afternoon sessions in Japanese schools are taken up with club meetings much like the extracurricular club meetings that occur within schools in the United States.

"I went into the school system thinking that I would see a group of robots," Gubera said. "Everybody would have wrinkles in their forehead, stressed out to the max. I never saw that; I saw happy faces and people who seemed to enjoy what they were doing."

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the students," Leon said. "All other colleges are increasing fees, too."

He said while a 10.6 percent increase may seem exorbitant, in relation to other institutions that may not be the case.

"Our fees are still very low," Leon said. "That is good for our students, but places us (the College as a whole) at a disadvantage."

Leon said he was not upset about the board's rejection Friday of the 7.9 percent recommendation. Regents have always adopted his tuition proposals in the past.

"The regents feel this College is not charging enough," he said, "that we are underpricing the cost of our product."

In coming years, Board of Regents

President Pat Phelps hopes to generate more funds by making a "significant step" in closing the gap between the fees for less than 12 credit hours and the fees for more than 12 hours.

"It is not practical to do it all in one year," he said. "It would put a tremendous burden on those who enroll in more than 12 hours."

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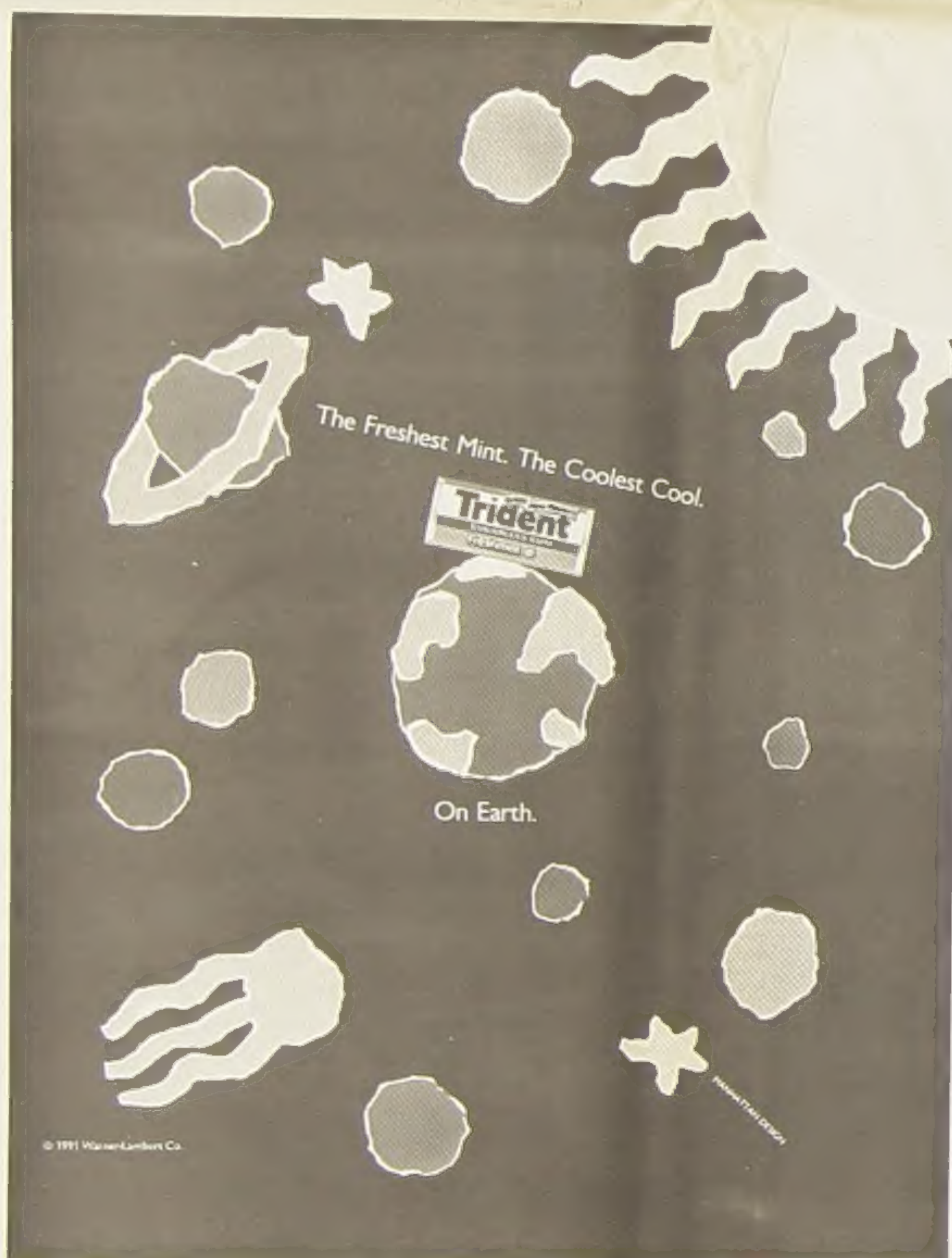


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Petition receives attention

BY STEVE SAKACH
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Dr. Allen Merriam proposed an initiative at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting to support a student request that would make the first floor of Matthews Hall smoke free.

A petition has been circulated by several students concerned about an excess of smoking in that building. Merriam, professor of communications, related complaints from two of his students to the Senate.

"One of my students came to me with a withdrawal slip because she couldn't stand to even walk through the first floor," he said.

College President Julio Leon said that "policy designates a certain area in each building for smoking."

It was suggested, however, that the area on the first floor next to the vending machines was "too comfortable" for smokers. A change of the designated site may alleviate the build-up of smoke.

The motion was tabled for the next meeting until the Senate has the actual student petition.

In Leon's message to the Senate he updated the faculty on the status of tuition increases. He said the Board of Regents has passed a 10.6 percent hike in tuition costs.

More than 3 percent will be designated for faculty and staff salary increases.

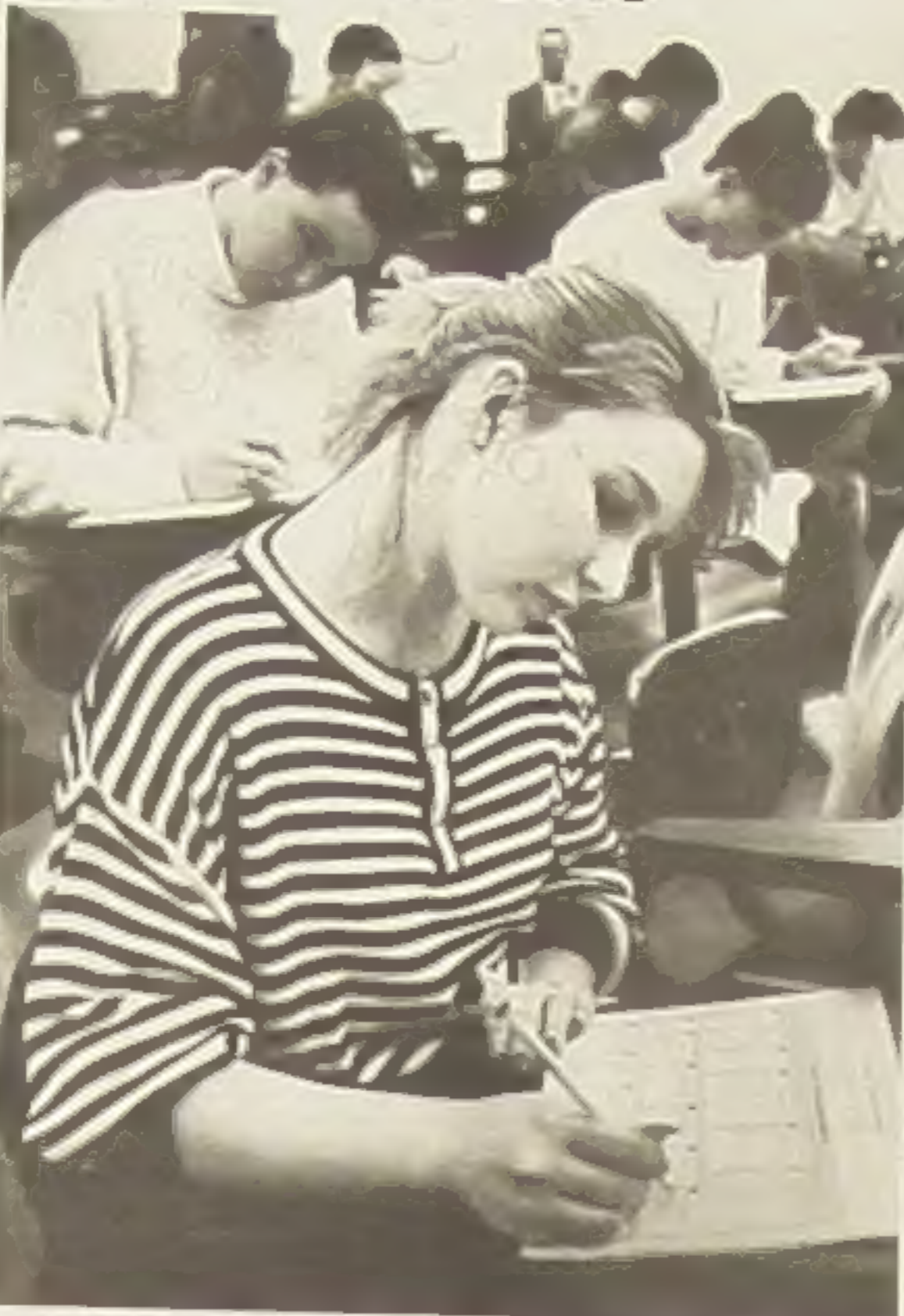
"The Board felt it was important to continue policy to have salaries for faculty and staff as competitive as possible," Leon said. "They told us [Friday] to come back today with an increased proposal."

The original tuition increase was recommended at 7.9 percent for the average student load of 15 hours. That would have enabled the College to give faculty a 2 percent increase.

In other business the Senate made a recommendation to the vice president for academic affairs to purchase electronic gradebook software.

The software will cost \$2,000, and if purchased made available free to all faculty.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Terry Glynn, a vocal music education major, was one of 631 seniors who participated in assessment testing yesterday in Matthews Hall.

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Senate to be 'assertive'

28 students to lobby at State Capitol

BY JAN GARDNER
ARTS EDITOR

Promoting Missouri Southern is one of the main goals of this year's Student Senate lobbying trip to the State Capitol.

Twenty-eight students are scheduled to depart at 7:45 a.m. Monday. They will have a formal tour of the Capitol at 2 p.m., then observe Senate and House sessions and visit legislators the remainder of the day.

Tuesday's highlights include the hosting of a luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. and a tour of the Governor's Mansion at 2 p.m. The students are to return home by 7 p.m.

Doug Carnahan, Student Senate adviser, said the trip will serve as a "combination of lobbying and public relations."

He said the College has a reputation for not being treated fairly in terms of state appropriations.

"There's been the feeling over the years that Missouri Southern has not received its full share," Carnahan said. "It seems that we're being penalized each year for being an efficient institution."

Through the duration of the visit, Southern's senators, along with College President Julio Leon and Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, will be visiting with legislators, not only from this area, but from areas that might not be as

familiar with the College.

By the end of the trip, Carnahan hopes to receive audiences with Gov. John Ashcroft, Lieutenant Gov. Mel Carnahan, and most of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Mary Hanewinkel, Student Senate president, said the welfare of the state is of the utmost concern to many of the legislators.

"When it's all said and done, it comes down to what is best for Missouri," she said.

According to Carnahan, the Senate always has received positive feedback from the capitol after its lobbying efforts.

"Sen. [the late Richard] Webster told us several times it impresses the legislators to see an organized group from the College that's well-dressed, well-behaved, and knowledgeable about what's going on," Carnahan said.

He said other legislators have expressed their appreciation of the way the students presented the College.

Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education, told Carnahan he thought this was a good event for the College to be involved in and that it is the most effective kind of lobbying in Jefferson City.

Among the issues the senators are hoping to address is the importance of receiving funding for the construction of the Webster Communi-

cations and Social Science Building.

"It's one of the main things we'll push this year—how much we really need the money," Carnahan said.

Hanewinkel said the students are planning to take a "different approach" to lobbying this year.

"We're not going up there for a playtime," she said. "We're going to be lobbying and trying to be more assertive than we have in the past."

She said the trip is more beneficial to the College in the long run than some might think.

"I know a lot of times the trip's not seen too favorably with the school," she said. "It's a lot of money (\$2,000) put out for something you don't see an immediate effect from."

However, she believes the direct contact with lawmakers will be a valuable asset when it comes time for them to vote on appropriations.

The highlight of the trip will be the banquet luncheon sponsored by Southern, which, according to Carnahan, usually draws close to 400 legislators, secretaries, and most of the CBHE.

"We go first class," he said. "It's a real nice luncheon."

He said the banquet offers the students one of the most opportune times to speak with legislators and show that the College is proud of its programs and students.

"We'll have all our propaganda there," he said. "There's a lot of that rah-rah stuff that we'll do—we're not going up there to cry on anybody's shoulder."

Cruzan case sparks interest in living wills

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BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Recent events involving the right to die have caused an increase in the number of people to look at living wills as a way to let their wishes become permanent record.

According to Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology and instructor of the course "Death and Dying," the case of Nancy Cruzan, in particular, started the increased interest.

"What's important about that is that she was young and vital when this happened to her," Gubera said. "Most of the time our living wills in the past have been associated with people who are older and are incapacitated due to Parkinson's, Alzheimer's or a stroke."

"Since she was young and vital, only 23 and a victim of a terrible automobile accident, this I think more dramatically brought home the need for all of us to be concerned about the living will."

Cruzan was the center of a legal battle staged by her parents, Joe and Joyce Cruzan. The Cruzans fought for the right to remove her from the feeding tube which kept her alive.

Cruzan died Dec. 26, after Circuit Court Judge Charles Teel allowed the removal of the tube that fed nutrients through her stomach. Teel's verdict came after friends of Nancy Cruzan came forward to offer testimony stating her wishes not to be kept alive unnecessarily.

According to Gubera, a living will is a legally accepted expression of one's will if one becomes severely in-

capacitated before death.

"That's why it's called a living will—you don't have to die for it to be carried out," he said. "Usually most wills, obviously, are expedited after one dies. In this case it may be expedited while you are still alive, in whatever condition your life is."

Gubera said a living will covers many of life's "contingencies." "[It] expedites your personal will or your personal desires, if you are no longer able to do this yourself and you are still alive," he said.

According to several local attorneys, interest in the living wills has increased since the Cruzan case.

"The inception of the Cruzan case kind of spurred a lot of people to come in and become inquisitive about those; we drafted more and more," said Douglas Crandall, a

Carthage attorney and member of Missouri Southern's Board of Regents. "After the Supreme Court decision came down, I'd say there was an increase."

According to Cynthia Campbell, a Joplin attorney, her office has seen some increase in people seeking the wills.

"But as far as there's some doubt as to whether or not Missouri law is going to abide or allow a health care facility to abide by the dictates of a living will, people have been holding off until the question can be clarified," Campbell said.

"Initially, of course, people were not aware of some of the problems," said Jim Fleischaker, a Joplin attorney. "But I'd say over the past few months, people are concerned that a living will is not effective."

sub-committee is expected to meet again in March to update the main committee on its findings.

Despite all of the committee efforts, the building holds little priority among College officials now that funding for more necessary projects are in limbo. Lobbying legislators for the Webster Communications and Social Science Building and raising tuition to meet immediate institutional needs have forced the multi-purpose building to take a back seat. The economic woes of surrounding communities also are playing a factor, Leon said.

"This is certainly not the time to be talking about a multi-purpose building," he said. "It's not one of our top priorities at this time."

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A bitter pill

The talk of not wanting to shortchange Missouri Southern students by freezing faculty salaries may sound good on its face, but it does nothing to diminish tuition's role as an initial scapegoat in a budget crunch.

The events of late last week and early this week were amazing. The Board of Regents, nervous in the face of potentially despondent faculty, sent College administrators back to the drawing board for higher fees. They got exactly what they sought—College President Julio Leon came back Monday morning with a jacked-up figure, almost 3 percent higher than his original proposal. Why? So faculty could keep their yearly salary increases and escape the financial straightjacket strapped to the students each year in the way of higher fees.

Maybe the regents don't give faculty the credit they are due. We have to believe faculty members would understand our college's economic fix and realize that all parts of this institution must swallow a bitter pill. The institution is worth the wait it must endure to become more financially viable. Faculty must play their part, no matter how far-fetched freezing salaries sounds. From a student's standpoint, it already sounds pretty far-fetched to maintain double-digit tuition increases.

We ask that the regents reconsider their acceptance of a 10.6 fee hike for FY 1992. The increase only seems to circumvent existing money gaps and does nothing for student morale. Increases are acceptable, except when they are continually re-worked to accommodate faculty who are unwilling to share the burden.

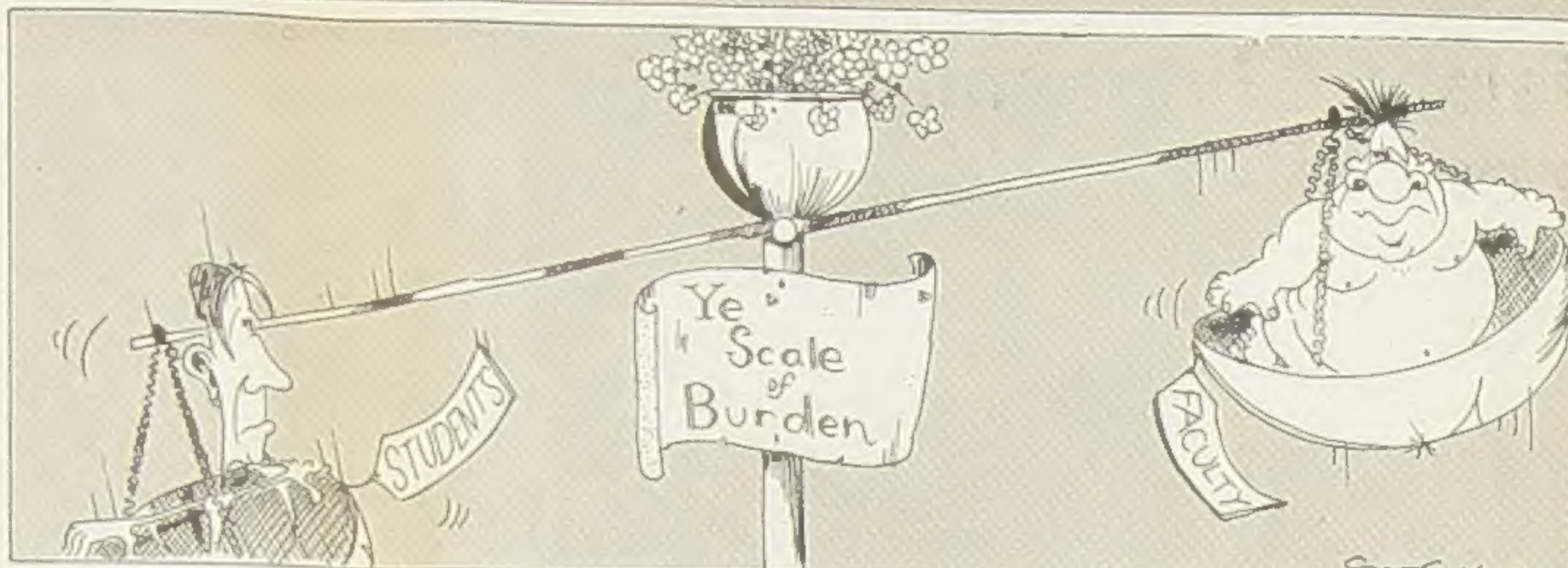
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Despite being geographically deadlocked, Missouri Southern must devote renewed vigor to its affirmative action policy.

The College has just three black employees, a deplorable statistic. But administrators offer that the area is not especially attractive to blacks or Hispanics and other minorities. Maybe it is time that we initiate the process.

One black instructor, Al Cade, more or less accepts the fact that there are not going to be many more black instructors at Missouri Southern. He thinks many blacks probably would not want to live in the Joplin area. While we hope he was wrong, he probably isn't. We must make a change.

One such way would be to devote an entire office to securing an effective affirmative action policy. At Pittsburg State University, there exists a director of equal opportunity and affirmative action whose sole job is to ensure employment equality. The College has seen fit to devote entire salaries to student retention and NCAA compliance. Why not give time and money to a problem that is surely more important: establishing a balance of ethnicity on this campus.



Return of the '70s a frightening thought

BY STEVE SAKACH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With more and more people comparing the 90s to the 60s, it has really made me nervous. My palms get clammy, my upper lip sweats, and I feel nauseous. If the 90s are going to be like the 60s, then what follows in the year 2000... the 70s?

Macho men or feminists in denim bell-bottoms, polyester shirts with butterfly collars, listening to disco on an 8-track player... do you see why I get sick? It was really a funky decade.

I know a few people who haven't had the heart to throw away those 17-year-old moon boots, polyester leisure suits, mile-wide ties, and pet rocks. They are cracking a smile; I can feel their bad vibes. They feel redeemed right now. We gave them a hard time, and now in a decade we'll have to convert.

Oh, there's no turning back now. Once we compare the 90s to the 60s we're doomed. We are on a crash course with the 70s, and the momentum is building.

Why? Because it's appealing to reflect on the 60s. Perhaps everything that will ever happen took place in some form in the 60s. Or perhaps the reason we can't ignore such comparisons are because those who



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are now in the power positions were the youth of that decade. Do you follow me? Neither do I.

Every day we hear references comparing the Vietnam War with the war in the Gulf. The civil rights movement has moved its focus from a national to a global spectrum. Bartman has replaced Beatlemania. Pretty soon we'll be storming the administration building.

In many ways the 90s are like a magnification of the 60s. Even Dennis Hopper (kind of an icon for the era) agrees. He said, "The 90s are going to make the 60s look like the 50s." Well, I think the 90s are going to make the 70s look like the 80s. See, now you're really lost. This whole thing is spinning out of control in a flash of black light on black velvet paintings.

Back to the main point. A lot about the 70s isn't worth reliving: Kent State, massive terrorism, OPEC, Watergate, Guyana, hostages in Iran, Jimmy Carter. The decade was so full of ups and downs it was like a roller coaster ride. From the end of the Vietnam War to the resignation of Richard Nixon, it affected people. It made them do strange things—like streak naked through public places.

A lot of curious fads lived and died in the 70s. The phrase most often heard while reflecting on the 70s is "How did that ever become popular?"

Take disco. It was created from bad music, ugly clothes, strobe lights, and nothing better to do. It finally disappeared from a massive static electricity

explosion when too much polyester rubbed with silk on the dance floor.

And how about sideburns? Not just any sideburns, but big four-inch Elvis sideburns. What prompted this? I guess it was the whole hair concept of the 70s. Long hair parted down the middle or huge afros were hip.

Even the cars we drove were odd: the Opal, Gremlin, Hornet, Pacer, and exploding Pinto. Or the endless mutations of 30-foot, two-door, gas-guzzling monsters. The car manufacturers catered to our bad taste.

Brand-name clothing became the thing: white tube socks with colored stripes pulled up to the knee cap; tight-fitting jeans with bell-bottoms, super-bells, or flares; synthetic leather jackets; multi-colored dress shirts with huge collars; double-breasted, navy blue sports jackets with big gold buttons; and everything had to have patches.

Cheap G-rated Disney movies starring one character over and over again in a wacky adventure: *The Love Bug*, *Computer Who Wore Tennis Shoes*, (Kurt Russell), *Shaggy DA*, and *Benji*. Then there were the Blaxploitation flicks like *Blackula*, *Car Wash*, *Super Fly*, and *Mandingo*.

Food was taken to the extremes, from health food to fast food... from granola, carob, and alfalfa sprouts, to McDonalds, Hardees, 7-11, Pizza Hut, Juck-in-the-Bar, and Rodney Allen Rippey.

The aftermath of the 60s really messed up the 70s. So think about it—these last few years have been so turbulent that a similar decade may be inevitable.

Yes, I guess what I'm saying is that either the end is near or that the "Me" generation just isn't for me.

AIDS anxiety clogs mind, shadows soul

BY DAVID SWENSON
PRESIDENT, CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

AIDS test, me? Surely not. Let's be serious here—I don't have AIDS, so why should I even worry about being tested? Or should I? This is a question that I'm sure most of us have asked ourselves over the last year or so, and if we haven't, perhaps it's time we should. Joplin, Mo., is not immune from the AIDS plague as I'm sure we would all like to think. And AIDS is not partial to any one group of people; anyone can get it from anyone and at any time.

This is an issue that I recently found myself debating and forced myself to come to terms with. Could I have AIDS? Not a question I liked to ask myself, but the answer was yes, I had engaged in behavior from which I could have become exposed to the HIV virus. In consideration of this new self-revelation, I decided to find out more about the testing process for AIDS and to have myself tested.

There are three methods of testing. One is to have your family practitioner or personal doctor administer the test to you, but this is the least common method because AIDS is not an easy thing to talk about, and your results and reasons for the test will then be placed in your permanent medical record. The second form is confidential testing by a city



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health center. This method is available in Joplin, and if your test turns up negative, the test and results are filed away in a city file which is accessible only by your explicit permission. The final form is an anonymous testing in which your name is never recorded. You are given a number, and only you will ever learn of the results. The state of Missouri has set up several anonymous testing sites, and the closest to us is in Springfield.

I decided on the confidential testing here in Joplin, primarily because I am lazy and didn't want to drive all the way to Springfield. It was simple enough to call and make myself an appointment a week in advance. This was not at all the scary part—that was to come later.

The day of my testing was when the butterflies began to fly around in my stomach (not that they had any room the way my stomach was all tied up in knots. For a while I began to wonder if I was in an *Alien* movie). Finally it was time and I headed out for the Joplin health center. The nurse there first asks you several in-depth and very personal questions, but is very polite about it (or as polite as one can be about such questions). She then draws a small sample of blood which is sent off to a lab in Jefferson City where the test is actually to be performed. Before I left I made an appointment for a week later when I could receive my test results. This has got to be the worst part of the whole experience—that dreadful empti-

ness of not knowing that clogs the pathways of your mind and shadows the lightness in your soul. (OK, so I am being a little bit melodramatic; I am a theatre major.) But finally the week passed and I returned to get my results. Thankfully mine were negative.

You may wonder about the accuracy of these tests. Yes, it is true that three of every 1,000 tests show a false positive response, but I was assured that if a blood sample showed up positive, it was tested again and then given another test which has an almost 100 percent accuracy rate, so it was almost impossible to receive a false report.

I would hope that everyone who reads this would already know the ways in which the HIV virus which causes AIDS is transmitted and thus know if they themselves are at risk of being infected. The only way to stop the spread of AIDS is through education, and ignorance of your own status could be a fatal mistake for yourself and everyone you care about.

As a closing thought, I would like to leave you with a poem by Douglas Shenson M.D.:

In all of its horror
AIDS like leprosy
Is another disease
No more, no less
It is not symbolic of anything
There are no victims because there is no crime
There are no innocents because there are no guilty
And there is no blame because there has been no
intention to cause harm
There are only sick men, women, and children all
of whom need our help

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearn Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Male should have own motel room

As president of the National Broadcasting Society—Alpha Epsilon Rho (MSSC chapter) I would like to thank the Student Senate for its allocation of \$375 to be used in meeting expenses for attending our national convention. I feel it my duty as president and voting delegate for our chapter to ensure that I am able to attend the convention.

By the Senate's reasoning in the allocation process, however, I should not be one of the AERho members we send to the convention.

The Senate based its appropriation on convention registration fees of \$125 per person for three

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Class acts usually exhibit Stability

This past New Year's Day an unsubstantiated report crossed the Kansas border that PSU was surrendering an "S" from its name. For a time MSSC leadership, with the big picture in mind, considered using the newly available consonant. While at first it may appear awkward, the opportunity for employing another letter to add meaning to the college could not be ignored. After all, MSSC has a certain symmetry, an aesthetic appeal.

Adding a new *ss* could have positive applications. Is it possible to add it to administration? Or consider Speech classes where merely reciting the initials could be an exercise in eliminating spray. Instructors, too, could practice.

Finding just the right word for this unique opportunity remained a task. For those who thought Superstition might be tried on the basis of Stephen King's popularity as *Dark Shadows* return to TV screens, it was obvious that a center of learning could not take such a grave step.

It occurred to those who daily hear the chimes that this could be MS Sound of Music SC. It might be necessary to include the name of the music, so no one could substitute "Sh-Boom Sh-Boom" for the *ss* (doubled). Julie Andrews could be the commencement speaker for as long as she lives. It left some misty just to consider the possibility. Of course, campus music lovers thought that Steinway would be appropriate. A

Japanese model would have been more in keeping with the new campus mode of internationalism, but unless it were a Sony, it would not fit the letter requirement or the budget.

For those who question the college's leap from a multi-cultural emphasis to international mission without an appropriate budget bump for the library, the *ss* could signify Superficial. For nay-sayers even the formation of a Friends of the Library would be more than a sop to campus pseudo-intellectuals (sometimes you sacrifice for the higher principle). In changing missions, why not use Synthetic (in lieu of Scientific which would be misleading). Or getting to the core, why not Missouri Southern Slogan State?

Some believe that Sovereign should be the word because Southern was starting a building before most funding had been committed to it. Maybe Supercollege would work for an institution trying to leap over small budgets in a single bound. For others, seeing college planning as a mire with hidden agendas, Subterfuge was selected especially useful in dealing with state legislators and college faculty. Since that is too overt, it was vetoed. Undeterred the searchers continued.

After finding that Faculty Development had

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Islam, Christianity new world conflict

Ozal: Turkish entry into EC could help

BY TURGUT OZAL
NEW PERSPECTIVES QUARTERLY

[Editor's note: Turgut Ozal is the president of Turkey. Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, a Geneva-based leader of the Ismaili Muslims, a sect scattered from Iran to Pakistan, is the special representative of the secretary general of the United Nations for humanitarian affairs relating to issues arising from the Iran-Iraq War. Ozal's statement and the question-and-answer exchange that follows with Aga Khan took place in Switzerland, during the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum.]

In the late 1980s, we saw signs that a new era was opening. The Cold War was coming to an end. There was great progress in relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The end of the Iran/Iraq war, and the tremendous changes in Eastern Europe in 1989, raised high hopes for the decade ahead. Regional problems like Angola, Nicaragua, and Afghanistan were in the process of resolution. The way was even being cleared for tackling complex problems like the Palestinian question, especially after the U.N. Geneva meeting in 1988 (at which the Palestine Liberation Organization renounced terrorism and accepted a two-state solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.) Lasting peace seemed at hand.

Iraq's occupation of Kuwait came at this juncture. It came as a great shock to the whole world. In response, the United Nations adopted 12 resolutions, first resorting to an embargo, then a blockade, and finally to armed intervention.

Although we in Turkey had remained neutral during the Iran/Iraq war, such neutrality was not possible concerning Kuwait because it was a matter of principle involving the maintenance of peace in the region and the world. Therefore, we took the lead in implementing of the U.N. resolutions. We have incurred great costs because of the embargo we are participating in and because of the war in neighboring countries.

Today, we must look ahead beyond the Persian Gulf crisis, rather than to the past. The confrontation between capitalism and communism has now ended and extremists in the world are looking for new areas of confrontation. The historical conflict between Islam and Christianity may be revived. An extreme right and extreme left in both the Islamic and Western countries are trying to use the Gulf crisis for their purposes. I believe we all have to be very careful about this danger.

After the crisis, the Middle East will never be the same. And I don't mean geographically; in terms of borders and geography, nothing is going to be changed. Great care should be taken to uphold the long-

term interests of stability rather than seeking short-term benefits. Otherwise, the world may head into a much more difficult period. On the other hand, if we give a helping hand to the Middle East without fanning emotions, taking all historical realities into consideration, we may bring peace to the region. Outside powers should facilitate this task and perform a stabilizing role, but, I emphasize that all questions need to be dealt with primarily by the people of the region.

The first step toward long-term peace must be to find a solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict and to the question of Palestine as soon as possible. Here, the United States and Western Europe have a very constructive and positive role to play.

Perhaps we may want to consider an arrangement like the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe for this region. Of course, this cannot be a replica of its European counterpart. In particular, I believe we must place more emphasis on comprehensive economic cooperation in the region, together with security arrangements.

Conflict can only be replaced with cooperation through the achievement of economic interdependence. Turkey is ready to take an active role in this regard and support measures toward the free movement of goods, capital, services, and people throughout the region. We are ready to do our part for the realization of necessary infrastructure projects, such as developing badly needed water resources, with pipelines to carry water from Turkish rivers to the Arabian Peninsula running parallel to the region's oil and gas pipelines. Other infrastructure projects like dams, roads, telecommunications networks no doubt also need special attention.

The creation of an economic development fund should facilitate cooperation. This fund could be created by a certain percentage of petroleum revenues from the region, combined with contributions from the rich Western world.

The people themselves must become more tolerant. The people of Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, and Yemen deserve special understanding now. They need to be considered as active participants for the realization of peace in the region. They cannot be ignored after the war.

Democracy breeds tolerance and understanding while marginalizing extremism and militancy. That is our experience in Turkey and it is why I believe democracy needs to be encouraged actively in the whole region.

Turkey has a special role to play in this regard because it is a secular state, with a broad, predominantly Muslim population, a democracy, and a free market economy. We can serve as something of a model for other countries of the area who are

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War Update

The Saudi government, and volunteers from around the world, tried to save thousands of birds covered with a sticky goo from the world's biggest oil disaster, and keep others from migrating into the area. One idea being considered was to use jet aircraft to chase the waterfowl to the south, away from the spill area.

Workers recovered a sea turtle killed by one of the three Gulf oil slicks and spotted an oil-soaked sea cow, the first marine mammal known to have been affected by the war. The sea cow, known as a dugong, was spotted in Manihay Bay, a once-pristine nook of white beaches and rich seabeds blackened by the slick. Trapping dugongs in the area and moving them to safety will be difficult because they are prone to heart attacks when scared.

Allied forces report that more than 50 oil fires were burning across Kuwait. Some were said to have been ignited by Iraqi forces to provide cover for troop movements, while others were set off by allied bombing raids.

Earthquakes

A strong temblor burst water pipes as it rocked the Solomon Islands. Earth movements were also felt in Istanbul, Guam, Argentina's Santiago del Estero province, southwestern Iran, and along the Arkansas-Tennessee border.

Volcanoes

Japan's Unzen Volcano spewed smoke 1,500 feet into the sky near Nagasaki. It was the first significant activity since the mountain sprang to life on Nov. 17. In Chile, Petreco Volcano erupted 125 miles south of Santiago, prompting officials to warn residents to drink only well water, and not to irrigate crops. It was feared that toxic ash could have poisoned water supplies.

seeking lasting peace.

AGA KHAN: Mr. President, the Gulf war has highlighted in a very spectacular way the enormous military capabilities Iraq was able to amass. What is the main lesson you draw from that buildup and now war? How should that lesson be used in preparing for the post-war situation?

OZAL: Very clearly, too much money was spent on armaments and warfare. And this was the money not just of Iraq, but of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia as well. Instead of putting all that money into armaments, it would have been much more beneficial to use it for economic development.

Had that been the case, Iraq would probably be one of the richest countries of the region instead of one that is now destroyed. This war should show everyone that there is no benefit to arms buildup and war as a substitute for economic development. That is the big lesson.

AGA KHAN: There have been many hints of territorial designs by different countries in the region on some parts of Iraq after the war. How do you see the situation with respect to the borderline states?

OZAL: From the first days of this



Epidemics

An outbreak of cholera that has claimed 86 lives in coastal Peru spread inland to the Amazon jungle, and a few cases of the disease have been reported in Ecuador and Chile. The Peruvian Health Ministry communique said the 86 deaths occurred out of 12,669 cases treated in the country. It is the first cholera epidemic registered in the Western Hemisphere since the early 19th century, and originated at the port of Chimbote in late January.

Cholera has killed almost 400 people in Zambia since an outbreak began there in November.

Thermal Sounding

Scientists claimed initial success for an experiment using undersea sound to measure increases in the earth's ocean temperatures. By measuring the traveling time of the sound to different points around the world, an

accurate thermal map of the sea may be possible. In the first trial, sounds were heard in 19 listening stations from South Africa to western Canada. According to project oceanographer Andrew Forbes, marine animals near the sonic transmitter in the southern Indian Ocean showed no adverse reactions during the test, and behaved normally.

Drought

Hopes for "miracle rains" that would ease California's unprecedented fifth year of drought waned as blue skies and mild temperatures continued at what is normally the wettest time of year. Water supplies to farmers will be cut by 50 percent on March 1, and many residents in Southern California will be forced to cut consumption by 20 percent. In order to accommodate what appears to be a long-term change in climate, and the state's rapid population growth, some California companies are considering

plans to build a huge desalination plant in Mexico's Baja California, just south of the U.S. border.

Rabbit Cull

New Zealand, facing an exploding rabbit population that is turning parts of the country into desert, is likely to introduce the deadly virus myxomatosis in a bid to wipe them out. The chair of the government caucus agriculture committee, Ross Meurant, said the group was examining a strain of myxomatosis that can kill rabbits quickly and with minimal pain. Since rabbits were brought to New Zealand by settlers in 1864, the population has grown to plague proportions in some parts of the South Island. Experts estimate that myxomatosis would kill only 64 percent of the rabbits.

Additional Sources: World Health Organization, U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

Letters to the editor

Stop the war before it's too late

Now that the United States is officially at war with Iraq, I felt compelled to write a letter which addressed my feelings on the situation. At the outset, I would like to say that I do not support American military action against Iraq. Although I am basically a pacifist who does not believe in the myth of a so-called "just" war, I do have other more specific reasons to oppose this war.

In the Jan. 15, 1991, issue of *The New American* magazine, some of the pertinent issues which concerned the President's obviously strong desire to wage war against Iraq were addressed. The following quotes are taken from pp. 22-23 of the aforementioned magazine.

"Incredibly, you, Mr. President, went to the UN to gain its approval for initiating a war against Iraq. You then told the U.S. Congress that you neither needed nor intended to seek its approval.

"You demand that Iraq be punished because its troops 'raped, pillaged, and brutalized' a neighbor nation (Kuwait). But you delight in welcoming to ally against Iraq the Soviet Union, whose troops 'raped, pillaged, and brutalized' a neighbor nation (Afghanistan).

"You and Secretary of State Baker insist that UN resolutions must be implemented. Why? Your oath was to support the U.S. Constitution, not the UN Charter. When did it be-

come the responsibility of America's military to implement resolutions passed by the United Nations?"

I decided to include these quotes in my letter because they contained startling and disturbing facts. More specifically, I find it interesting that the United States did not send thousands of troops to liberate Afghanistan, nor did it massively bomb the Soviet Union after the invasion took place. If it is the role of the United States to be some kind of Rambo-like world policeman, then why did it not punish the Soviet Union several years ago? Would that not also have been a "just" war, even if it could have conceivably started World War III? I do wish that President Bush would get his head out of the clouds and stop talking about how the war against Iraq is a struggle between the forces of good (the U.S.) and evil (Iraq, or at least Saddam Hussein). Mr. Bush is not God, nor is Saddam Hussein the Devil. Besides, Hussein has referred to the United States as "the great Satan." I can merely throw my arms in the air and shake my head at the total stupidity of such claims.

I would also like to say that I favored economic sanctions against Iraq. In my opinion, the sanctions were not given enough time to work. It seemed to me that Bush wanted to go to war against Iraq as early as August of last year.

It now seems as though a ground

war with Iraq is imminent. Not only does this mean it is likely that hundreds or perhaps thousands of American and Iraqi soldiers will be killed, but it is also possible that civilians will be killed as well. If one single Iraqi and/or Kuwaiti civilian is killed in this war by American soldiers, then I will not vote for George Bush if he runs for re-election in 1992. Secondly, if this country reinstates a military draft, I will refuse to fight in this war. If I, as an American citizen, do not have the right to refuse to participate in a bloody and senseless war, then there is no such thing in this country as true freedom. In other words, if my government orders me to do something which goes against my moral conscience, then I believe I should have the right to disobey my government.

It has been said before that people learn nothing from the past. This country, at least, obviously didn't learn much from its military involvement in the Vietnam War.

These are my personal views on the war with Iraq. Incidentally, I have seen many people lately who have been wearing yellow buttons which read "God Bless Our Troops in Saudi Arabia." I only wish I had a button which reads "Stop The War Before It's Too Late."

Chris Quarton

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grown, some asked for Substantial. Since that sounds too much like boasting (and who could prove it anyway, where no figures are available), it had to be dropped. That was, also, close to Substance which did not appeal either because it implied something tangible.

Faculty discovered a Search (another ex word) was progressing for an impending title addition and Sought (and another and when will we ever learn) to play a role. Working as an ad hoc committee several proposed Superclauses because of administrative attitudes. Don't knit your brows, this won't pull the rug out from anyone. Needless to say this idea was never discussed by administrators nor between administrators and faculty. Are you Surprised? Tongue in cheek some faculty proposed Silence because so many fac-

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persons. In discussing our funding request Senate members contended that by reducing from four to three the number of students we send to the convention, we would require only one room instead of two, thus reducing our overall costs. We need two rooms because I am the only male member attending and out of consideration, and out of policy, the female members should be allowed to share a room. By the Senate's reasoning in stating that if three persons instead of four attend the convention, I am the person that should not be allowed to attend.

I thank the Senate because three

take place and the extremes will be pushed to the margins.

AGA KHAN: As a member of the international coalition to get Iraq out of Kuwait, have you the feeling that your partners in NATO, as well as some members of the European Community, are not fully recognizing that fact and responding adequately to your needs?

OZAL: This is the problem. For the first time, Article 5 of the NATO accord (which stipulates that the alliance will defend any NATO member who comes under attack) is now being tested. Naturally, in the democratic societies of Europe, there is going to be discussion. That is normal.

But the governments of Europe should know their responsibilities. If a pact is signed by the members of NATO, then everybody should obey the rules and articles of the pact.

Now, I remember on Aug. 18 everybody said that Turkey would be provided some protection by NATO. But then, when the time came and we asked for this kind of protection, some countries objected. As far as I understand now, however, the issue has been settled.

As for the European Community, I would like to say one thing. The

coming problem in the world is not communism vs. capitalism, but probably Islam vs. Christianity. My suggestion is very simple: Take Turkey into the European Community as a member. This way, it will be shown that the European Community is not a Christian Club. It will have an Islamic member.

AGA KHAN: There has been a lot of speculation about the Iraqi planes that have landed in Iran. Iran's intentions in the war and in the long term. What are your views?

OZAL: I have spoken with President Hashemi Rafsanjani many times. We have also exchanged our representatives in Tehran and Ankara just recently. I know what they are thinking.

From their point of view, they are in a very good position. During their eight-year war with Iraq, I was in Tehran many times and I saw people chanting, "Down with Saddam, down with America." Now, Iranians see that both their enemies are fighting each other. Therefore, they are very happy.

So, I believe they will remain neutral. They will not let those planes be returned to Iraq. And, as far as I know, they have no demands for Iraqi land.

Robert Markman
MSSC-NEA

attend our national convention because of the Senate's allocation decision.

We hope to serve several purposes in attending the convention in Los Angeles. We will be bringing back information and gaining recognition for our chapter of the National Broadcasting Society which will not only benefit our members, but will also benefit the Communications Department and Missouri Southern State College.

Michael Lee Mallory
President, Alpha Epsilon Rho

Students find support

Groups combine efforts to provide war information

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

With many students here affected by the Persian Gulf War, the need for correct and current information is becoming a necessity.

In a joint effort, the counseling center and student services are working to address this need by forming Operation Desert Storm support groups.

The first meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 in Room 312 of the Billingsly Student Center.

The meeting is open for students and faculty who have relatives or "significant others" already deployed in the Persian Gulf.

According to Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, interest expressed from several students and faculty prompted the formation of the groups.

"I've personally had contact with two students with issues that we have dealt with here in the counseling center, that have directly related to the events in Saudi Arabia," Doman said. "I've also had two faculty members contact me, asking if there was a support group or something going on for students."

He said one faculty member contacted him about a support group when he discovered that a student's academic problems were related to the war.

"The student had been doing real well academically, and then they didn't perform well on assessment," Doman said. "The faculty member approached the student and asked

what was wrong, and found out that there was a loved one over in Saudi Arabia. He was really distraught about it."

According to Doman, many of the programs offered would not only be support groups, but also information sessions, for students who are "just concerned about the war."

"I have talked with Major [James] Dunn, director of ROTC, this week, about particular information that he can provide from a military side," he said. "One of the most important things you can do with a support group is provide information on what's going on."

According to Dunn, he is placing information that he receives from military publications on the bulletin board next to the bookstore.

"It's for information purposes," Dunn said. "I'll be putting articles about that I receive from the *Defense News*, the *Army Times*, and the *Armed Forces Journal* up on the board for student information."

He said the articles he will post are written by military sources "geared toward a military audience." They explain the situation in greater detail than other publications.

Doman said he also has contacted the local branch of the American Red Cross for necessary information.

However, according to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, the formation of this support group is not meant to deter other groups which already exist.

"A lot of the particular needs may already have some outlet, or some means for communication or support," he said. "We're not trying to

take over anyone else's program."

In order to find out if the support groups are needed, Doman and Dolence sent a memo to all faculty and staff and have received little response.

Dolence said many students do not want to be part of a support group.

"They like to handle it within the family or within a close friend, and that's it," he said. "They don't wish to be a part of a larger group."

Issues dealing with the College include options students have if they are a reservist and are recalled during the middle of the semester.

"We had a few [reservists] who said that they wouldn't re-enroll this semester because they were in a particular unit," Dolence said. "We tried to get the word to those individuals that if you should be called up, then you would not be penalized as far as the College is concerned, as far as fee structure and dropping of classes."

Doman said the group may meet once a week, depending on the needs of interested students.

"It's going to have an impact on all of us," he said. "We are all going to at least know somebody who had a direct impact on their lives because of this war."

According to Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, the Campus Activities Board also plans to provide needed information to students.

"We've got some ideas," Carlisle said. "We are looking at on-campus people in different areas of experience, to see who might be able to speak to students and answer questions."

JUST JAMMIN'



Night Train, one of five bands which performed during Sunday's benefit concert for the Joplin chapter of Amnesty International, puts on a show in the Lions Den of the Billingsly Student Center.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Telecast looks at violence

BY PAUL HOOD
STAFF WRITER

Although Missouri Southern may have the lowest crime rate of any four-year college in Missouri, according to a survey released by *USA Today* in December, College counselors are attempting to further reduce crime and related problems on campus.

One part of this effort will be the broadcast of a violence-in-dating teleconference scheduled for noon Tuesday in Room 103 of Matthews Hall.

The teleconference will include statements from students who have been involved in dating violence, discussion of factors which contribute to dating violence.

It will also include analysis of factors in campus life which can foster and hide the problem, as well as a profile of victims and offenders, and patterns in dating violence.

Methods of identifying and solving the problem, and specific intervention techniques and education strategies for counselors which can help victims of dating violence will also be discussed.

According to information from the American College Personnel Association, which is sponsoring the telecast, the broadcast will include commentary from distinguished panelists from fields related to the problem of date violence.

The teleconference will be broadcast live. Viewers will have the opportunity to make phone calls and become involved in the discussion.

Dating violence is defined as a "violation of the physical integrity of a dating partner" which could include slapping, shoving, hitting, punching, kicking, threatening the person with a weapon, or actually using the weapon.

According to statistics published in a flyer for the teleconference, nearly 40 percent of college students have experienced some form of violence in a dating relationship.

According to Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, date violence occurs at Southern.

"It's an issue we come across occasionally in the counseling center," Doman said. "The problem of violence against women started coming out of the woodwork some years ago. The concern over violence in dating is a progression of that broader issue."

When counselors assist a student with a difficulty, they record the type of problem on an administrative report.

"The reports provide a guide to us as to what type of issues we deal with and how frequently we confront them," Doman said. "We don't know from our information how much of a problem dating violence is, but we know that the issue is here. We're probably no better or worse than other places."

Doman said a major function of the conference will be to raise awareness of the problem. "We want to touch base with students and let them know that this is a concern."

He believes the broadcast will cause some students who have been victims of dating violence to seek counseling.

Counseling office available for suicide consultation

'Unlimited' help abounds on campus for troubled students

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Though suicide is not a large problem at the College, the campus is prepared for it. Larry Karst, counselor, said Southern has a "networking approach to suicide. We really don't have a program."

Many offices on campus are prepared to help students deal with suicidal feelings. They include the counseling center, student services, the residence hall staff, and the College nurse.

According to Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, an unlimited number of sources are available for a troubled student.

"If you have a faculty member you like, it's OK to see them," he said. "You want to feel comfortable."

Doman said counselors sometimes refer students to outside help if they believe their problems are beyond counseling at Southern.

There are more than 30 area organizations which counsel people with various problems. One of these is Crisis Intervention, 781-2255.

"We are fortunate," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life, about Joplin outlets for suicide help. "That's a big advantage over a rural college."

But Doman thinks the problem is not severe at Southern. He says the numbers do fluctuate, and last year the College counseled 14 potentially

suicidal students. This year counselors are dealing with those depressed over having loved ones in the Persian Gulf.

Doman said the situation at Southern is "no more serious here than on any other college campus."

Students who do not go to counseling due to fear of their parents being notified have nothing to worry about, according to Doman.

"We're dealing with adults," he said. "We don't contact parents without permission of that student."

Doman said many of the cases the counseling center works with are brought to its attention by faculty, friends, and residence hall staff.

Friends and faculty can report students they think might need help

to the counseling center, but Doman says they themselves also can help the situation.

"We can all be effective listeners," he said. But he warns, "Being a listener doesn't mean giving advice."

Doman said if a person finds it difficult getting a student to help, he or she might consider joining that person.

"The best thing to do is to say 'I'll go with you,'" he said. "Most of us down here will welcome that."

Doman said it helps if people encourage depressed persons to eat right, sleep well, and exercise. This is because depression is partially a chemical reaction in the body and good health can sometimes deter depression.

There are a variety of signs a suicidal person shows, ranging from "giving away personal possessions to

purchasing a gun or rope. Karst said myths that people will not commit suicide even if they threaten to are false.

"Any threat by a student has to be taken seriously," he said. "It's a cry for help."

Doman said "a student who has been performing well academically and then the bottom falls out" also is a concern, as well as extreme behavioral changes or the loss of a loved one.

Doman said college students have their own reasons for contemplating suicide, which can stem from a number of problems.

"A college campus is a stressful environment," he said. The first four to six weeks of the fall semester is often the hardest. "It's the big adjustment period."

Upcoming Events

TODAY

Feb. 21

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center

Workshop: The Tools of the Job Hunt, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Baseball: 2 p.m., at Oklahoma State University

Crossroads: 3 p.m., in Communications office

BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union

Lady Lion Basketball: 5:30 p.m., at Southwest Baptist University

Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., at Southwest Baptist

TOMORROW

Feb. 22

Continuing Education: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Dental seminar, Rm. 306, BSC

SATURDAY

Feb. 23

Missouri Nut Growers Association: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

Baseball: 1 p.m., at Oral Roberts University

Lady Lion Basketball: 5:30 p.m., at Missouri Western State College

Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., at Missouri Western

SUNDAY

Feb. 24

MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships: at Central Missouri State

Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Wesley Foundation: 7 p.m. Food, fun, and fellowship, at Newman Road United Methodist Church

Fellowship Of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

MONDAY

Feb. 25

Weeks Interviews: 8 a.m.-noon, Rm. 306, BSC, contact Mindy Chism in employment for more information

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Academic Policies Committee: 3 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Athletic Lecture: 3 p.m., Mike Green, Connor Ballroom, BSC

Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

TUESDAY

Feb. 26

Administrative Council: 8 a.m., Rm. 310, BSC

Sigma Pi: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC

Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Workshop: Successful Interviewing, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 27

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

Bag A Career Interviews: Pepsi-Cola Co. at Tulsa, TBA. Contact placement office for more information

BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC

Student Senate: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., vs. Central Missouri State, Young Gymnasium

CAB Movie: "Glory," 8 p.m. only, Second-floor lounge, BSC

Wesley Foundation: 8:30 p.m., at Newman Road United Methodist Church

Alcoholism lecture on tap

Nationally known speaker will be at Missouri Southern next week to give a lecture on drugs and alcohol.

Mike Green, a Collegiate Consultant on Drugs and Alcohol, will speak on the four stages of alcoholism at 3 p.m. Monday in the Connor Ballroom.

"I think he is great," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director. "His approach is a unique one."

Green's appearance is incorporated in the Total Student Athlete Assistance Program, which has been in place at Southern every semester since 1987.

Student turnout will be high be-

cause all athletes are required to attend, Frazier said.

"The lecture is a mandatory one. All coaches, trainers, athletes, or anyone even involved in athletics are required to attend," he said. "Roll will be taken."

The lecture will be paid with funds generated through a kicking contest at football games last fall. The contest was sponsored by Miller Brewing Co. and KSNF-TV.

In past lectures, Green has taken the alcohol problem and broken it down into the number of days that a person spends drinking in a year. He cites holidays and weekends that commonly are spent drinking.

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Album calls for rewind

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Rating: ★★
(out of ★★★★★)

I've often wondered what separates alternative music from the mish-mash of metal or pop bands saturating the Top-40 scene these days.

I mean, I don't lie awake at night, but it is sometimes confusing. Case in point is the second release, *Mercurtones*, from *The Buck Pets*.

At first listen, it sounds like your basic grinding guitar, punching drums kind of hard rock band. You know the type: three chords, one beat, and a bunch of rhyming lyrics about sex, money, and parties.

But that's what's different. It's the lyrics. There's actually something to them besides pseudo-satanic references and submissive women. There's nothing earth shattering, but it's a nice change all the same.

Most of the tunes seem to center on the myriad of bad relationships these guys apparently have had, but some are reflective of the three years they spent on the road before signing with Island Records.

Apparently, I'm not the only one who had trouble classifying this band. Alternative music guru Dave Kendall calls it the best alternative band playing, but a local record store chain has it thrown in with the heavy metal section.

The Buck Pets hail from the same Dallas club scene responsible for Edie Brickell, which only confuses

TODAY'S BEST ALTERNATIVE BAND?



Alternative band *The Buck Pets*: (left to right) Ian Beach, Andy Thompson, Tony Alba, and Chris Savage.

things further. It may be this refusal to fit neatly into the musical scheme of things which earns it the title of alternative.

Nonetheless, with all due respect to Dave Kendall, I think *The Buck Pets* are far from the best. The grinding guitars in nearly every song tend to get old fast. And the lyrics, though different, do little to brighten up a gloomy day. A low point: "Hey Sunshine."

This near-power ballad format seems to be emerging as a mandatory segment in all hard rock albums. I cringe with the heart notes.

But the album does have plenty of high points. The first single, "Pearla,"

has an infectious riff and a heart-wrenching beat which easily places this tune in my Top 50.

The acoustic-ridden "Some Hesitation" provides a welcome break from all of the pounding sounds, as well as a vision of the band's song-writing abilities. At least half of the tracks come off well enough to reward a second listen.

The jewel of the foursome, however, is front man Andy Thompson. Although *The Buck Pets* have been compared to *The Replacements*, it is nowhere more apparent than in Thompson's vocals. The raw clarity provides balance, not an easy task with such a high-powered band.

Although he lacks a little range (evident on "Hey Sunshine"), he gets the job done nicely on the more straightforward tracks.

The rest of the band provides nothing to write home about. Except, that is, for the energy it has together and the subsequent habit-forming riffs that are produced. None of them obviously are graduates of Julliard, but at least they're not *The New Kids*.

In short, it's by no means the best, but it's worth the money. It probably won't survive in history, but it's not bad to blow a speaker or two on. It's not the *White Album*, but Thank God.

Business strong for used books

College students read to polish skills

BY DYANA PERKINS
STAFF WRITER

Contrary to popular belief, young people are reading," says Joyce Bible, owner and operator of the Book Haven, 1607 Main St. in Joplin.

Bible runs one of Joplin's five bookstores specializing in used books.

The clientele, she said, ranges from young to old, and the books deal with everything from science-fiction to religion.

"The young people who come in are reading sci-fi and non-fiction," Bible said, "but the college students usually come in to find books to help them brush up on their skills, like math."

Since 1980, bookstores in Joplin have come and gone—some finding the business a difficult one to turn a profit. But according to Ron Erwin, owner of The Book Barn at 1202 Main St., the used book business is strong, especially when you offer an atmosphere with variety.

"People are very responsive because we offer so much here," Erwin said. "Not only do we have used paperbacks and hardcovers, but we also carry comic books, baseball cards, and compact discs."

Although Bible does not believe the business is a lucrative one, "it is very satisfying," she said.

"There's nothing I like more than being able to share a good book, especially with those who wouldn't ordinarily be able to afford it."

Interesting to note is the large inventory kept by these bookstores. Erwin, for example, who opened The

Book Barn in 1980, currently has 20,000 books in house and 75,000 in total inventory.

Books are acquired through rummage sales and auctions, but mainly from the general public.

"We take in at least 100 books a day," said Bible. "People are always bringing in their old books to sell or to trade."

Sometimes the books have a monetary worth associated with their age or topic. "But by the time we find out," Bible said, "it's usually too late."

"I've had people call me up to say the book I sold them for \$5 turned out to be worth \$500. You just never know."

Ernest McDowell, proprietor of McDew's Book Store at 818 Jackson, sees some of his books go nationwide through book dealers.

"They contact me from New York to California looking for various books," said McDowell. "The dealers are interested in any topic that is in demand in the bigger cities that can be bought cheap and sold high."

The majority of these stores keep charity organizations at the tops of their lists. Whether it be for the poor, the prison system, or Operation Desert Storm, owners like Bible try to share the wealth of knowledge.

"I have such an excess of books that I'm able to donate 10-15,000 a year to people who need them, and that makes me feel good," she said.

"No matter what people read," said Bible, "they have the opportunity to see new words and to learn about new places. The learning is very important."

Debate tourney needs judges

BY PHYLLIS PERRY
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Debate will resound again throughout the Missouri Southern campus, and this time judges are not only being sought, but also will be paid.

Dr. Karolyo Yocum, assistant professor of communications, is seeking persons to judge debate and individual event rounds during the district speech and drama tournament to be held on campus Friday and Saturday, March 1-2.

Persons will be paid \$1 per round for judging individual events and \$6 per round for judging debate.

According to Yocum, anyone with prior experience in speech activities is highly desired.

"We prefer that they've had some experience either as a competitor or a judge and have been out of high school at least two years," Yocum said.

Events open for judging include prose, poetry, extemporaneous speaking, humorous interpretation, duet acting, original oratory, story telling, Lincoln-Douglas debate, cross-examination (two-man) debate, theatre, radio, and literature interpretation.

Bulletins listing rounds and events open for judging may be found in Yocum's office in the Guest House, directly west of the Mansion. Sign-up forms are available in the communications office.

Sponsored by the Missouri State High School Activity Association, the tournament is expected to draw

about 400 students from this district.

Hosting the tournament for the southern district, the College will provide facilities for competing students from high schools in Barry, Barton, Cedar, Dade, Lawrence, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, and Vernon counties.

Tournament rounds will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, March 1 and continue throughout that evening. The first round on Saturday, March 2, is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. Individual event finals will wrap up the tournament Saturday and are scheduled for 1:45 p.m. More information may be obtained by calling Yocum at 625-9679.

The deadline for returning the entry forms for judges is tomorrow.

Debate team ready for state Missouri Southern heads for Bolivar tournament

BY PHYLLIS PERRY
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Missouri Southern's debate team will be gearing up for national competition when it attends the annual Missouri Association of Forensics Activities state tournament this weekend in Bolivar.

The team, coached by Dave Delaney, will spend tomorrow and Saturday at Southwest Baptist University.

Attempting to take the sweepstakes will challenge Southern's team more at this tournament than previous ones because, according to Delaney, Southern has an unusually small squad this time.

"We've always done well in this tournament in the past, but I've

never taken this small of a squad before," he said. "The more [team members] we have, the more chances we have of scoring sweepstakes points."

He said only seven Southern students will compete in Bolivar this weekend. Alicia Ward, Mark Robertson, and Starl Wood will participate in Lincoln-Douglas debate; in cross-examination debate, Jim Evans will team with Paul Hood, and Eric Dishbarry with Terry Howerton.

Besides debate, some members have entered individual events including impromptu, extemporaneous, impromptu, and after-dinner speaking, as well as poetry interpretation, and argument analysis.

Rounds begin at 8 a.m. tomorrow and continue throughout the

day. Saturday rounds also begin at 8 a.m. with debate elimination rounds scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m.

Other events offered in the state tournament include communication analysis, peace oratory, mixed interpretation, dramatic duo, dramatic interpretation, prose interpretation, and informative speaking.

Those debating will argue the resolution: "Resolved: that the United States Supreme Court, on balance, has granted excessive power to law enforcement agencies."

Southern's team also is making plans to attend the national debate tournament scheduled March 20-23 in Eatontown, N.J.

Film society to feature 'The Night'

The award-winning Italian film *The Night*, also known as *La Notte*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

This is the seventh program in the current International Film Festival, presented by Missouri Southern and co-sponsored by the Missouri Arts

Council.

According to Harrison Kash, director of the film society, *The Night* is director Michelangelo Antonioni's low-key film about a middle-class couple who have forgotten what it is like to live and to love.

Like other Antonioni films, *The Night* explores the nature of love in the barrenness of modern society.

Peter Cowie, in his book *Seven Years of Cinema*, said "egotism, sexual laxity, and a lack of communication are the maladies Antonioni is determined to diagnose in this ambiguous and desolate masterpiece."

Single admission for the event is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

Coming Attractions

MUSIC

Joplin

Ana Maria Trenchi de Bottazzi: 7:30 p.m.; Tonight, Taylor Auditorium, 625-9366

Black Gospel Music: 7 p.m.; Tomorrow, First Assembly of God Church, Carthage, 358-2939

Jazz Concert: Featuring Charlie Parker Academy Jazz Ensemble; 7 p.m.; Feb. 28, Carthage High School; Tickets—\$5 for adults, \$2 for students (6-16); 358-2939

Springfield

Ozark Handbell Festival Concert: Saturday; Evangel College Chapel Auditorium; 865-2811

"Jazz Week": Today and Tomorrow; SMSU Music Department; Admission \$6; 836-5648

Tulsa

Muir String Quartet: Saturday at Harwelden and Sunday in Williams Theatre; Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-742-4087

Kansas City

Front Line Assembly: (Industrial music); 9:30 Tonight; The Shadow in Westport; 816-561-2222

The Volker String Quartet: 7:30 p.m.; Sunday; White Rectal Hall; 235-2700

St. Louis

The Charlie Daniels Band: With Special Guest Travis Tritt; 8 p.m.; Tomorrow; Fox Theatre; Tickets: \$18.50 and \$16.50; 314-534-1111

ART

Joplin

"Paintings of William Walker and Edward Henry: From the Collection of Gulf States Paper"; Sunday thru March 17; Spiva Art Center; 623-0183

Springfield

"Holly Hughes: Soft Sculpture": Thru Feb. 28; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

"Corbett Landscapes": Thru Sunday; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

Tulsa

"Ruckus Rodeo Exhibition": Thru March 10; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7841

"Wyeth's Wild West": The American West experiences of N.C. Wyeth conveyed through his paintings, drawings, and memorabilia. Thru April 7; Gilcrease Museum; 918-582-3122

"The Empire That Was Russia": A photographic record; Thru Sunday; The Philbrook Museum of Art; 748-5314

Sculpture Exhibit: "Adam," "Eternal Springtime," and "The Three Shades"; Thru Feb. 28; Philbrook Museum of Art; 748-5314

Strawberry Junction Arts and Crafts Show: Today thru Sunday; Eastland Mall; 918-438-3400

Kansas City

National Wildlife Art Show: Feb. 28; Doubletree Hotel; 888-6927

THEATRE

Joplin

"La Notte": (The Night); Presented by the International Film Festival; 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday; 625-9614

Springfield

"Pirates of Penzance": Presented by the SMSU Theatre and Dance Department; Thru Saturday; Cogger Theatre; 836-5268

Tulsa

"Grease": Tomorrow thru Monday; Clark Theatre; 928-437-9464

"Duck Hunting": Thru Sunday; Chapman Theatre, U. of Tulsa; 918-631-2567

Kansas City

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof": 8 p.m.; Tuesday thru Saturday, 2 p.m.; Sunday; Thru Feb. 28; American Heartland Theatre; Crown Center level 3; 842-9999

"The Lilies of the Field": 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; Today thru Sunday; KCKCC; 334-1100

"Fences": 8 p.m.; Tuesday thru Saturday, Saturday matinees, 2 and 7 p.m.; Sundays; Thru Feb. 28; Missouri Repertory Theatre; 235-2700

St. Louis

"Henry IV Part I": Thru Feb. 28; Repertory Theatre of St. Louis; 968-4925

"Exit The King": Classic absurd tragedy; Thru Feb. 28; New City School Theatre; 531-1301

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Gas prices fall in spite of war

Many factors play role in costs

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Customers gradually are recovering from the hike in gas prices as they have almost returned to their previous condition.

According to Jenny Dickerson, manager of Pronto at 1006 Range-line, regular gas before the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait was 89 cents per gallon. Shortly thereafter it climbed as high as \$1.37 per gallon.

"Customers couldn't believe the prices," said Dickerson. "It was upsetting because some people run on a budget."

But Joplin's situation wasn't as dire as other areas, according to Dickerson.

"We've had some customers in here who were from California and their gas was up to almost \$2 a gallon out there, so we took a mild price hike," she said.

After the initial shock to the consumers wore off, business picked up again.

"You could tell maybe a day's difference but it's something you have to live with and get used to," Dickerson said. "We've been staying really steady, and as gas gets cheaper it gets even steadier."

Cindy Starrett, manager of the Snack Attack at Seventh and Duquesne, said gas prices reached about 1.25 per gallon at one point. Starrett said she occasionally got blamed for the prices by the customers.

"They didn't like it, and they thought they were getting ripped

off," she said.

Some customers, like Kathy Markham of Overland Park, Kan., find the prices especially frustrating.

"I travel a lot," Markham said, "and I have noticed the prices on the highway are higher than the ones in the cities. I think the companies are taking us for a ride."

Although prices fluctuate on a daily basis at the discretion of oil companies, locally they have stayed lower for a variety of reasons.

"Right now there's more of an [oil] supply than there ever has been," said Larry Martin, president of Martin Oil Company in Joplin. "The Saudi Arabian government has increased the amount of product that they've allowed to be lifted and the economy isn't real good."

While an overabundant oil supply may drive gas prices down, Martin said simple demands may cause a price increase.

"A cold winter means extra demand for diesel fuel for heating purposes," he said. "That causes it to raise."

Martin said Joplin has always been able to retain lower gas prices than other areas due to its location.

"We're sitting right here on a crossroads of pipelines where there's a lot of physical product in the immediate vicinity," he said. "The further you ship product on the pipeline, the higher the cost."

Considering these factors, Martin said there was no justifiable reason for the sharp increase in gas prices several months ago.

FILLING UP AS PRICES DROP



Calvin Simms at Lamar fills the tank of his car at Pronto, 1204 N. Duquesne, yesterday afternoon. Simms, like many other area motorists, is taking advantage of gas prices lower than those before the Gulf war.

Sales tax yields fall 2 percent

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joplin sales tax revenue this year is down 2 1/2 percent from last year, and is more than 7 percent behind expectations, the City Council learned Monday night.

"We had projected a 5 percent growth," said Leonard Martin, city manager. "Now, we are about 7 1/2 percent behind."

Although city officials say the shortfall further contributes to the city's financial woes, implementation of proposed cuts set to begin later this year will not be necessary.

"The indications are that the support for the proposed wastewater treatment fee is strong," Martin told the Council. "We have been working on holding spending, and we will continue this."

Among the areas in which the city seeks to reduce or control spending are the police and fire departments. According to Council members, police no longer will assist citizens locked out of their cars, stranded or disabled motorists, and will cut other non-essential services.

"This will be temporary or long term, depending on what happens April 2," Martin said.

According to Martin, the fire department also will feel some of the effects of city belt-tightening.

"We are currently one position short," he said. "After April 2, that position will be gone anyway, so there is no need to fill it."

Ballot item could cut hours, pay

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

City officials say a failure to pass a proposal slated to go before voters on April 2 may have adverse effects on city services.

According to Harry Guinn, Joplin fire chief, if the proposal does not pass, it would mean a reduction in fire protection.

He said this would come about because of proposed cutbacks in many city departments.

"On May 1, we are going to lose one position," said Guinn. "In November 1991, there would be no cuts; there are none scheduled. But in 1992, the third segment, then

there certainly will be cuts.

"We stand to lose nine firefighters and will be closing one station. I don't know which station would be closed. That's a decision we'll have to make when the time comes."

Voters will be going to the polls to decide on two issues—a \$7 flat fee for residential wastewater treatment, commonly known as a sewer tax; and a proposal to amend the city charter.

Guinn said the sewer tax issue would affect any city department which paid overtime wages and would involve the length of a pay period. The tax proposal affects city services because, if passed, it would allow for more revenue to be put in

the city's general fund.

"Hopefully this issue will pass on the April ballot," Guinn said. "If it doesn't, then it could be really tight on the city. The reduction of sales tax revenues really compounded the problem. Relief will have to be soon, or we'll have to curtail services."

"Seventy-eight percent of the general fund goes to city services—police and fire protection. That's where 100 percent of our money comes from. The general fund is also used to fund other departments, to help them with their expenses."

The tax could relieve the general fund because it would free up money currently taken from the fund to pay for wastewater treatment, Guinn

said.

"What it does is release the utilities franchise tax, so that money can come back into the general fund to support it," he said. "This money is earmarked specifically for wastewater usage. The utilities franchise tax used to go into the general fund when they built the treatment plants."

The city charter amendment could also mean changes for firefighters because the amount of overtime hours may be cut. Last week, city manager Leonard Martin told *The Chart* the fire department would be the only department affected by the re-charter amendment. Guinn said this was not the case, because other departments also would be affected.

He did not know which departments would be affected by the amendment.

The amendment would change the length of a pay period from the current workweek of seven days to a presently unspecified week varying from one to 25 days.

According to Guinn, although firefighters "probably" had discussed the possible cutback in overtime among themselves, he had not received any feedback about the issue.

"There were some questions asked, but I couldn't really answer them, because I don't know what the pay period would be," Guinn said.

On the average, he said firefighters work a 56-hour workweek.

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Toll bills provide solution

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Two separate Senate bills could spell relief for Missouri's troubled highway system.

The bills seek to authorize the construction of toll roads as a means of improving highways and supplementing federal funds. In addition federal money could be used in the construction of the roads.

Sen. Steve Danner (D-Kirksville) has proposed legislation which sets up the Missouri Toll Road Authority. Under this plan, bonds would be sold to finance construction of toll roads and bridges.

The bonds would be repaid with toll revenues. Upon retirement of the debt, the tolls would be removed.

The second bill, sponsored by Sen. Henry Panethiere (D-Kansas City), places the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department in charge of the toll roads.

The main difference, Danner said, is that his bill uses state funds to back the bonds while Panethiere's bill provides only the promise of tolls to repay the bonds. Danner said this is a disadvantage of Panethiere's bill.

"Basically, toll roads will not go if they are not backed by state money," Danner said.

Danner said the main reason for his bill is to improve Missouri's highway system. He said no new interstate highways have been built since 1967 with the exception of toll roads. He also said Missouri's bridges are another problem facing the state.

"If Missouri ranks first in something, we rank No. 1 in the number of deficient bridges in our state," Danner said.

Although the bill will not provide for the repair of deficient bridges, Danner said it could be used to build toll bridges. He said one such example is a proposed bridge between St. Charles and St. Louis counties over the Missouri River.

If the bill is passed, Danner said, toll roads could be started in Missouri by next year.

"I think the Highway Department will move very quickly," he said.

Danner's bill also provides that drivers who normally use a road which is designated as a toll road may continue to use it without having to pay a toll. He said computer scanners at the toll booths could be used to read license plates to identify local drivers.

Danner said the bill has been well received in the House; however, he has doubts about its chances in the Senate.

"Some people in the Senate are philosophically opposed to having to pay tolls on roads when they have to pay a gasoline tax," he said.

WORKING FOR THE CAUSE



(Left to right) Celi Callahan, a lobbyist for Missouri Right to Life, and volunteers Butch Hyde and Steve Sharum set up shop in the third-floor rotunda of the Capitol Tuesday. The group makes weekly visits to Jefferson City to show support for pending anti-abortion legislation and to urge the support of senators and representatives. This group represents anti-abortion voters from the southern regions of Missouri.

State could join bullet train study

Kansas City-St. Louis link needed for World's Fair, says Wheeler

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

One-hour commutes between Kansas City and St. Louis soon may take a step closer to reality if a pending Senate action gains approval.

Sen. Harry Wiggins (D-Kansas City) has proposed a bill which would make Missouri a part of the Interstate Intercity Rail Passenger Network Compact. The organization was created for states to share information and planning responsibilities involved in the development of a bullet train network between all states which are members of the compact.

Modern bullet trains, which have been in operation in Europe and Japan for several years, travel at rates up to 300 miles per hour and operate on electricity. According to Dr. Charles Wheeler, a Kansas City pathologist and proponent of the bill, a shortage of oil makes bullet trains a feasible prospect.

"They say we're going to run out of oil in 20 years, even with conservation," Wheeler said. "Texas wells

aren't putting it out like they used to."

Wheeler said this dependence on oil is one of the factors that has pulled the United States into the Persian Gulf conflict.

"We're in love with the automobile," he said. "Our national energy policy hasn't really been logical for years, and Saddam Hussein took advantage of this."

Under the compact, representatives from Missouri would attend regular meetings to plan an interstate system linking major cities among the member states. Wiggins said he believes Missouri citizens are supportive of the attempts to bring bullet trains to the state.

"People are very interested in more efficient, pollution-free ground transportation," Wiggins said. "If we're going to have it in the next century, it's going to be through high-speed rail."

He said, however, bullet trains would not take the place of other forms of transportation in Missouri. "I doubt that anything will ever take the place of cars," he said. "But it simply will be supplemental."

Wheeler, former mayor of Kansas City, has been involved in efforts to link St. Louis and Kansas City with a bullet train. He has been working with St. Louis mayor Vincent Schoemehl Jr. in trying to work out a funding mechanism for the project.

One project Wheeler said may be possible with the addition of a bullet train to World's Fair in Kansas City. He said Kansas City alone could not support such an event.

Although the compact only provides for the planning, Wheeler thinks bullet trains in the Midwest are imminent.

"We're going to see the first operational high-speed train between Los Angeles and Las Vegas in the near future," he said, "so it's coming down the line."

Aside from setting aside a penny in the current federal gasoline tax for transportation research, Wheeler said development of high-speed rail has been left up to the states.

"The federal government is encouraging states to do something, but they're not doing anything themselves," Wheeler said.

Although Wheeler envisions a rail stop near the Columbia/Jefferson City area, Wiggins said a line between St. Louis and Kansas City is all that is needed.

"That's all we need within our state," he said, "but it (high-speed rail) would be useless if it didn't link us to the East Coast."

A similar bill was introduced last year late in the legislative session, but it died in committee. The current bill is due to be sent to the Missouri House for approval today.

Wiggins said although many people do not know about the prospect of bullet trains in the Midwest, most are "interested and intrigued" by the concept. He said the development of such trains has become a necessity for the future.

"If we're going to solve the transportation problems for the next century, we're going to have to look beyond what we have now," Wiggins said.

Although there are some who are skeptical of the idea, he is optimistic of the possibilities.

"You can't doubt the possibility of improving the hopes for the future," Wiggins said. "If you doubt the ability to do something better and more efficient, you'll sink into the past and won't do anything."

"People told Orville and Wilbur Wright they could never fly," Wiggins added. "They told Alexander Graham Bell he could never invent a telephone."

Higher Education Briefs

OTC prepares to open doors

► Heart of the Ozarks Community Technical College in Springfield has hired 11 administrators and support employees as it prepares to begin classes Sept. 4.

The OTC district, created by voters in April 1990, covers the Springfield school district and 13 school districts in Greene and six other counties. The 1991-92 academic calendar approved by trustees contains two 16-week semesters and a summer term of eight weeks.

For a full-time student, tuition will be \$390 a semester. College officials, including a newly hired director of financial aid, are trying to raise \$100,000 for scholarships.

Name change comes up again

► Dr. Marshall Gordon, president of Southwest Missouri State University, told regents Feb. 15 that if the institution ever gets a name change, higher admission standards will have to be part of the deal.

SMSU officials and area legislators have been trying to persuade the General Assembly to change the institution's name to Missouri State University since 1986. Rep. Tommy Macdonnell (D-Marshfield) had considered introducing a name-change bill this session, but changed his mind when news reports got out before he could lay the groundwork.

Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield) said Jan. 14 that he hoped to include an expanded mission and name change for SMSU in any tax and reform package enacted by the legislature.

Smokers protest Western policy

► Students lit up cigars and cigarettes in the administration building at Missouri Western State College last week, protesting a new no-smoking policy.

The thick fog created led to smokers and non-smokers hurling remarks at each other. Smokers said they had a right to smoke and that the new policy infringed upon their personal rights.

Students tried to enter the offices of administrators known to be smokers to see if they were abiding by the policy.

Fines may go up 50% at Maryville

► The financial department at Northwest Missouri State University has proposed a substantial increase in parking fines.

Several parking violations would increase 50 percent. They serve as a greater deterrent to students. Parking in a handicapped space would increase from \$25 to \$50; parking in a designated lot others, \$5 to \$20; running a stop sign, \$10 to \$20; and failure to remove a revoked parking permit, \$5 to \$20.

Fees to increase in Kansas City

► In-district students at the Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City will pay \$4 more per credit hour beginning with summer classes.

In-district students will pay \$35 per credit hour, while out-of-district students will pay \$55 per credit hour, up from \$50. All students will also pay a \$10 incidental fee per credit hour.

In the last five years the state has dropped from paying 40 percent of MCC expenditures to 33 percent. More than \$1 million in state money is to be cut in the next fiscal year.

GREAT MISSOURI LEADERS



Busts of former U.S. presidents Harry S. Truman (left) and David Rice Atchison were unveiled during a special ceremony in the third-floor rotunda of the Capitol Monday. Atchison, a U.S. senator, became president for one day in 1849 when president-elect Zachary Taylor refused to be inaugurated on a Sunday.

Federal proposal may aid highways

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A boost in highway funds may be in store for the state if President Bush's recently proposed program makes it through Congress.

The federal government's current five-year highway plan expires in September, and Bush's plan provides for the reallocation of federal highway funds over the next five years.

Under the plan, which may gain congressional approval as early as October, Missouri's share of funding would jump from \$265 million to \$323 million per year.

According to Rep. Don Koller (D-Summersville), chairman of the Missouri House transportation committee, the amount could actually be more than double the amount the state currently receives. Koller said he believes this type of increase is overdue.

"In my opinion, Missouri hasn't been getting its fair share for the traffic it supports," he said.

In 1987 Missouri voters passed a gasoline tax which provided matching funds as a requirement for the federal money the state receives. Koller said this has allowed for "great progress" in road repairs.

According to Steve Forsythe, public affairs coordinator for the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, this tax is part of a 15-year state plan.

"Under the program that was ap-

proved by voters four years ago, the department will do about \$1 billion worth of construction and rehabilitation," Forsythe said.

Although Koller said he is not currently proposing an additional tax to support highway maintenance, he said such a tax is possible and could triple the current amount of Missouri highway funds.

A recent study places Missouri near the top in the number of bridges in need of repair. Forsythe said the state was already aware of the problem when the report was issued.

"This is something we've known about," Forsythe said. "It wasn't news to us. Most of their information came from either us or the federal highway department."

Forsythe said there are more than 23,000 bridges in Missouri, including 9,400 on state highways. The rest fall under county or city authority. Forsythe said it would take more than \$1 billion over a 10-year period to correct the problems that now exist.

He said the first priority of the state is to repair bridges that are in the worst condition; however, a lack of funding prevents extensive work.

"There is a plan of action in that we want to correct the problem," he said. "It's difficult, though, because our resources are finite."

Forsythe said the new federal highway funds could be used either to accelerate current programs or to implement programs which have been unfunded in the past such as the repair of Missouri's bridges.

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Lions trounce Drury College

Rough schedule still ahead for basketball team

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Although the basketball Lions no longer are in the NAIA, Monday night's 77-70 upset of nationally ranked Drury College had to remind some older fans of District 15 wars gone by.

Placed by junior Kenny Simpson's 32 points and eight rebounds, Southern avenged a 91-82 loss Nov. 29 in Springfield and improved its record to 11-12 overall.

"It was a big win for us just because of who it was," said Robert Corn, head coach. "We aren't battling it out for [NAIA] District 16 any more, but a lot of people remember when we did."

Tempers flared late in the contest when Drury forward Marcelo Zamagni wrapped up Simpson while he was driving for a lay-up.

"Everybody thought he was holding on to me for balance, but he just didn't want to let go," said Simpson. "Everybody jumped in between us real quick. Neither one of us needed to get kicked out of the game at that point."

"It was just one of those spur-of-the-moment things that was over with as soon as it started," Corn said.

Southern fans weren't ready for it to be over with as quickly as the players were, however. They stood and cheered the Lions on nearly all of the seven remaining minutes in the game.

"I felt like once the crowd got into it the way they did, we were going to be in good shape," said Corn.

Southern fell 99-83 Saturday night to the University of Missouri-St.

Louis. The MIAA loss dropped the Lions from a sixth-place tie with Washburn University and left them all alone in seventh place.

"It was a big loss for us," said freshman Chris Tucker. "We control our own destiny. If we can win a few of our last games and some more of those teams behind us lose, we will still make it."

Southern, 5-7 in the MIAA, has four remaining conference games. The top eight teams make the post-season playoffs, beginning March 5.

The Lions, however, face the toughest upcoming schedule of any MIAA team. They play at Southwest Baptist (21-1, 12-0) tonight, at Missouri Western (20-3, 10-2) Saturday, and host Central Missouri State (21-2, 10-2) Wednesday. Southern closes out its regular schedule March 2 at home against Washburn (13-10, 7-5).

Southwest Baptist, ranked second in this week's NCAA Division II poll, whipped the Lions 98-76 on Feb. 2 in Joplin.

"I don't think that score was indicative of the kind of a team that Missouri Southern is," Jerry Kirksey, SBU head coach, said. "They are a very talented basketball team."

Kirksey says his squad is not taking the Lions lightly.

"You try not to focus on the team," he said. "You just try to focus on playing at the top of your ability. That way, no matter what the outcome is, you have to feel a little more comfortable."

While the schedule is demanding, the Lions are determined to make a strong showing.

"I think that we have shown if we execute our offense we can win," said Simpson, who leads Southern in scoring (20.6 average) and rebounding (9.8). "I can't predict what will happen in the next week, but I will say that we will not go down without a fight."

STRONG TO THE HOOP



Junior forward Kenny Simpson scores two of his 32 points in Monday's 77-70 upset of Drury College.



T.R. HANRAHAN

KC should rebound this year

The inevitable has happened. The unseasonably warm temperatures this month (70° is predicted today) have given some a nasty case of baseball fever.

The geographic location of Missouri Southern makes the loyalties between the Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals divided almost 50-50.

For my money, the Royals are the premiere team in the state. The Cards have no pitching, no hitting, and play in that weird league where they still make the pitcher bat. (I'll let our sports editor, Rod Shetler, try to defend the Cardinals, if he can.)

This year, the Royals' chances for a pennant are the best they have been since the glory days of the mid-1970s and early 80s, when the club seemed a lock to win the AL Western Division.

Last season's sixth-place finish was a fluke, as everything that possibly could go wrong did. Free agent pitchers Mark Davis and Storm Davis were busts, and 1989 Cy Young Award winner Bret Saberhagen fell to 5-9 in an injury-plagued year.

General Manager Herk Robinson took over for John Schuerholz, who moved to Atlanta, and immediately began to put together a championship package. Seemingly unaffected by last season's free agent failures, Robinson signed outfielder Kirk Gibson and right-handed pitcher Mike Boddicker in an effort to produce more runs and solidify a pitching staff that before last season seemed invincible.

Gibson and Boddicker should do just that.

While injury is a concern with Gibson, there is no disputing his leadership ability. He has contributed to world championship teams in both Detroit (1984) and Los Angeles (1988).

His left-handed bat will balance the right-handed hitting Danny Tartabull and Bo Jackson. With Gibson in the No. 5 spot, the Royals can protect their strikeout-prone sluggers and allow them to drive in the clutch runs that have been so elusive in the past.

Boddicker, 17-6 for the Boston Red Sox last season, will give the Royals' staff insurance should right hander Mark Gubicza's recovery from malarial cuff surgery keep him on the shelf when the season opens.

Top to bottom, the KC batting order is the best in the division. With Brett, Jackson, Gibson, and Tartabull in the middle of the lineup, the Royals are capable of matching up with anyone in both power and average.

The pitching outlook is questionable considering last year's disaster, but Kansas City has reason to be optimistic.

Saberhagen is entering an odd-numbered year and, if his past performances are an indication, should rebound from last season's disappointment and regain his position as the staff ace.

Mark Davis has been joined in Kansas City by Pat Dobson, his pitching coach in San Diego. Dobson is credited with helping to motivate Davis during his 1989 Cy Young season. There is no question Davis has talent. With the supporting cast around him, he just might be ready for another outstanding year.

The key for the Royals will be how well they fill the holes left by Willie Wilson, Frank White, and Bob Boone. All three were outstanding defensive players capable of filling valuable roles on the team. Their replacements are young and relatively inexperienced. If these players fare moderately well as regulars, the Royals will win the West.

Kansas City opens its regular season on Monday, April 8 at home against the Cleveland Indians. Ahh, summertime.

First Division I win eludes baseball team

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Starting off the season playing some of the best teams NCAA Division I has to offer, the baseball Lions' 0-3 record is somewhat deceptive.

"We're doing a lot of good things right now," said Warren Turner, head coach. "We feel good about the way we've been playing against these Division I teams."

Southern fell to Oklahoma University 10-4 Monday in Norman. The Sooners are ranked 16th in the nation by ESPN College Baseball Magazine.

One bad inning was all it took for the game to get away from the Lions. OU, hanging on to a one-run lead in the fifth, scored five runs—four of

them unearned—off junior right-hander Tim Luther (0-1). The Sooners, now 3-0, were aided by junior shortstop David Fisher's error.

"Our defense and pitching has been getting hurt with two outs," said junior catcher Kevin Koch, who had two hits against OU. "We pitch really well through the first two outs, then we make a mistake. Playing the teams we have, they really take advantage of that."

The Lions also dropped a game against nationally ranked University of Arkansas last Friday in Fayetteville, 7-5. Southern outlast the Razorbacks eight to five, led by junior third baseman Bryan Larson's two safeties and two RBIs. Junior right-hander Chuck Pittman was dealt his second loss of the year.

"We have been scoring a lot of

runs when you look at the teams we've been up against," said Turner. "We have missed the home run ball, but we knew coming into this season it wouldn't be there. We outlast Arkansas, and we had nine hits against OU. I'm pleased with our hitting so far."

Southern opened its season Feb. 3 with an 8-1 loss at Oklahoma State.

Some of the players who have transferred in are still getting used to the level of competition they see so early in the season.

"Our first game against Oklahoma State, I was a little nervous," said junior leftfielder Bob Kneefe, who was 3 for 4 with an RBI against OU.

"I have been relaxed since and done all right. It was nice to get that first hit. These have been some of the best pitchers I have ever faced, though."

Turner has been impressed with the maturity shown by the Lions so far in the young season.

"Our composure is what I have really noticed. We've been playing very relaxed against these Division I schools," he said.

Even though the season is only three games old, the Lions have found where they stand with some of the nation's top baseball teams.

"I think we have a very strong team," said Koch. "I feel positive about the way we have played these three good teams. Our program is at the point where we are competitive with these Division I teams. Now we need to step up and start beating some of them."

The Lions play again Saturday in a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

DRIVING THE LANE



Lady Lions guard Jamie Dunn, one of five Southern players to score in double figures, drives to the hoop in Saturday's 89-88 loss to the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dunn also had five assists.

Lady Lions live on edge of extinction

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
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Heading into tonight's game at Southwest Baptist University, the basketball Lady Lions have their backs to the wall in the hunt for the final spot in the MIAA playoffs.

"We have to win both of our remaining games," said Scott Ballard, head coach, said. "One loss now and we're out of it."

Southern, tied for ninth in the league with Missouri Western, is one-and-a-half games behind eighth-place University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Lady Lions, in addition, to winning both remaining games, must hope that Washburn University defeats UMSL in St. Louis Saturday night in order to forge a tie with the Riverwomen for eighth. Southern then would own the advantage over UMSL in the tie-breaker by virtue of its 69-67 victory over Washburn on Jan. 21.

While the Lady Lions must play at SBU and Missouri Western, Ballard says the team, 11-14 overall and 4-10 in the MIAA, is capable of meeting the challenge.

"We've played better on the road (4-5) than at home (6-5) this year," he said. "We believe in ourselves, and there is nothing scary about either one of these teams. Both have had worse years than we have, and both are pretty much out of it."

Ballard declined to speculate on

the team's odds of securing a spot in post-season play, beginning Feb. 27.

"Percentages and chances are no factor," he said. "You either do it or you don't. We have no margin for error—it is definitely guts time."

Southern's playoff hopes were diminished by an 89-88 loss to UMSL (6-9 in the MIAA) Saturday night.

The Lady Lions overcame a seven-point deficit with just over two minutes remaining in the contest and took the lead 88-87 on two Terri Haynes free throws with 34 seconds to go.

UMSL guard Lisa Houska reclaimed the lead for the visitors on a 15-foot jumper from the left wing. Southern spent a timeout with 24 seconds on the clock to set up the game's final shot.

"We had a good chance to win it," Ballard said. "But we nearly blew it."

Southern, while working for the last shot, nearly turned the ball over with an errant pass, but was able to get the ball to senior guard Terri Haynes, whose shot with four seconds left hit the heel of the rim and bounced away.

"We had the ball and we got the shot we wanted," Ballard said. "We just didn't get the score."

According to Ballard, the game hinged on defense.

"Our post people were just not quick on first-step defense," he said. "We played good ball defense, but not not good help defense."

CAB spending shifts

Student input still needed in decision making

BY STEPHEN MOORE
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Despite the fact that the Campus Activities Board is student-funded, student activities director Val Carlisle said the CAB receives little input on how to spend the money.

In fact, Carlisle said, there is even less input from students this year. David Swenson, CAB president, estimates that less than 5 percent of the student body provides input in the decision-making process. Carlisle said the few suggestions that are given usually come from non-traditional students.

"We try to stress that we want student opinion," Carlisle said, "but I don't know if they don't have an opinion or they just want to keep it to themselves, but we've got money from every student, and I would just as soon give it back to them somehow."

She said this lack of input often leads to problems in deciding what to spend the budget on.

"Things that we think people will like, they don't," she said, "and things that are for a certain segment of campus, everybody goes to, so it's hard predicting what people will like."

The CAB receives 64 percent of all student activity fees from both part-time and full-time students. The actual total, however, is based on head count, which is not official until after the last drop date eight weeks into the semester.

This causes problems, Carlisle said, because she is forced to plan the semester's spending based on an estimated figure and hope that she does not overspend. The spring budget is estimated at about \$40,000.

The most expensive performer this year has been artist Denny Dent, who appeared during the Homecoming cookout. According to Carlisle, he also was the year's best value. Dent's performance cost the CAB \$6,000, and Carlisle estimates that 3,000 students attended the Oct. 5 show.

"At \$2 per person, that's not bad," she said. "They got a heck of a show."

Included in the \$6,000 price tag were four of Dent's paintings which he created during his performance here. These are to be displayed in the Billingsly Student Center as soon as frames are built.

One factor influencing the CAB's decisions recently has been an influx in the number of non-traditional students here. Carlisle said the number of family-oriented events has been increasing, as well as the number of educational programs.

"We have a duty to provide educational programs, too," she said. "We can't be all fun and games. I think there are certain students who would rather go to a lecture than anything else we provide."

Another activity Carlisle said may be increasing is the number of local bands performing at the College. Recently Guy Smiley and The Local Boys performed at Missouri Southern for a total price of about \$1,000, including sound and lighting equipment rental.

This figure places them well below the rising cost of professional bands, which Carlisle said are becoming more difficult to bring to Southern.

Many "big-name" bands now cost upwards of \$40,000, not including sound and lighting. Carlisle said the CAB only can afford \$15,000-\$20,000 and still be able to offer a reasonable ticket price. She said only about half the cost of the band is recovered through ticket sales.

Another problem with large-scale concerts, Carlisle said, is the destruction that sometimes occurs. She said a bottle thrown through a window in Taylor Auditorium after last summer's Smithereens concert has made College officials wary of such shows.

"It's disappointing to do something like that for people and have them pay you back like that," she said.

Still another problem with procuring concerts is the lack of adequate space. Carlisle said venues such as the Swiss Villa Amphitheatre in Lampe and the Show-me Center at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau make it difficult for Southern to compete.

Carlisle said the addition of a multi-purpose arena would allow the College "to do endless things."

One thing the CAB tried to start last year but was unsuccessful was the Transient nightclub. This is an idea which Swenson said he would like to see revived. However, he does not see it coming in "the immediate future due to a lack of facilities."

"I think to actually make it work would take more than we can put together right now," he said.

According to Carlisle, spending patterns have shifted somewhat so that now the CAB tries to concentrate on fewer, more expensive events rather than more and cheaper performers. She said the number of CAB movies shown each semester has been reduced, however, they are now more recent movies instead of two or three years old.

In addition, a new emphasis has been placed on give-away items. New paper cups bearing the CAB movie schedule have been placed in the Lions' Den. Items such as do-not-disturb signs, laundry bags, shower caddies, cups, I.D. holders, and hats all bearing the CAB or Southern insignia have become staples at CAB events.

Carlisle said these articles are produced as just another way to return the activity fees to the students.

Advertising CAB events, she said, takes up about \$5,000 of the semester's budget in addition to about \$400 per month paid for the calendar of CAB events.

About \$4,200 is spent on movies each semester, and \$1,200 to cover the cost of mileage on CAB-sponsored trips such as the Christmas break ski trip to Breckenridge.

Other costs include \$250 each time a DJ is hired and \$122 per month for CAB-sponsored birthday parties.

Gift certificates to restaurants, candy for CAB movies, discounts bought for tickets to local shows, and inclusion in the Info-tel information service are among the remaining expenses which eat up the CAB budget each semester.

Senate Allocations

September

Starting Balance: \$11,000
Total Allocations: \$1,758

Orientation Executive Board.....\$1,758

October

Starting Balance: \$9,300
Total Allocations: \$4,815.29

Student Nurses Association.....\$1,000
Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society.....\$846.45
National Leadership Conference.....\$795
Missouri Southern Greek Council.....\$865.80
National Accounting Association.....\$270
Phi Beta Lambda.....\$446
Modern Communications Club.....\$210
Lambda Epsilon Chi.....\$297.50
Psychology Club.....\$514.50
Concert Chorale.....\$100
Missouri State Teachers Association.....\$470.04

November

Starting Balance: \$3,484.71
Total Allocations: \$3,998

Social Science Club.....\$1,000
Collegiate Music Educators.....\$1,000
Koinonia.....\$998
Collegiate Secretaries International.....\$1,000

January

Starting Balance: \$10,540
Total Allocations: \$3,810

Student Senate.....\$2,000
Sigma Nu.....\$210
Rodeo Club.....\$1,000
Modern Communications Club.....\$600

February

Starting Balance: \$6,730
Total Allocations: \$4,493.28

Model United Nations Club.....\$871
College Players.....\$847.28
World Issues for Study by Educators.....\$1,000
Student American Dental Hygienists Association.....\$1,000
Pershing Rifles.....\$400
Alpha Epsilon Rho.....\$375

JUST THE BEGINNING



FILE PHOTO/THE CHART

Artist Denny Dent, on hand for the Homecoming picnic, cost \$6,000, bring Missouri Southern. This price included the purchase of four of Dent's paintings to be displayed in Billingsly Student Center. Carlisle called Dent the best value this semester. About 3,000 students attended the performance.

Low budget no cause for worry

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although the semester barely is a third over and only \$2,200 is left in the Student Senate budget, faculty adviser Doug Carnahan sees no cause for alarm.

At this time of the year, Carnahan said, funding requests from campus organizations are at their peak. He said there will be few funding requests after spring break, and that this of pattern of spending is "typical."

Funding for the Senate budget this semester comes from 20 percent of the activity fees from both full- and part-time students.

Because the official number of students is not totaled until eight weeks into the semester, the Senate must operate on an estimated budget. Carnahan said this may be causing worry for some senators who believe funds are running short.

"I don't think the Senate needs to be concerned that they're running out of money at this point," he said.

Carnahan said that while there has been only a slight increase in the number of groups requesting funds, the Senate has become more consistent in its allocations.

To secure funds, a student group must fill out a resolution form with a statement of how the money will be used. This must be signed by two senators and submitted to the Senate for a first reading. At the following meeting, the resolution is voted on.

Carnahan said a \$1,000 cap on allocations to any group each semester, as well as this two-week waiting period before money is allocated, has made it possible for the Senate to make wiser decisions.

"I certainly don't agree with all of the things they spend money on," Carnahan said, "but I feel a lot better about the way more of it is being spent."

Carnahan said groups who indicate they are trying to raise funds on their own typically are given preference for funding requests. He said the Senate also tends to favor requests that will somehow benefit the College as a whole.

Although allocations to campus organizations takes up the majority of the budget, other expenses this year include postage, refreshments at some meetings, and photo copy machines such as the one recently placed in Matthews Hall.

Also included in the budget is the student phone in the Billingsly Student Center, which Carnahan said is in use "all day long," and a new ballot box constructed for Senate elections. Carnahan said the box will also be used to collect suggestions.

The Senate's total budget for the spring semester is estimated to be \$10,000-\$11,000.

CAB Contracts

Bill Miller (Alcoholism lecture).....\$1,500
Bob Hall (Date rape seminar).....\$1,400
CFox and Company (Homecoming music).....\$225
Kier (Comedian).....\$1,250
Totally Interactive Video.....\$3,500
Jack White (Trick-shot artist).....\$650
Craig Anton (Comedian).....\$1,350
Dave Edison (Comedian).....\$1,250
In All Seriousness (Comedy troupe).....\$1,250
The Magic of Stuart and Lori.....\$1,000
Austin on Tap (Dance troupe).....\$4,500
Dave Wopat (Singer).....\$950
Mike Saccone (Homecoming comedian).....\$1,200
Magic Mobile Sound (D.J. service).....\$980
Playfair (Freshman mixer).....\$1,500
Denny Dent (Homecoming artist).....\$6,000
St. Louis Brass Quintet.....\$550
Allen Ross (Singer).....\$150
Samuel Kirshner (Lecture).....\$2,750
CFox and Company (November dance).....\$225
Williams Entertainment (Christmas ball).....\$225
Grooming Quad (Barbershop quartet).....\$100
We Can Make You Laugh (Comedy).....\$1,600
Juan Williams (Civil rights lecture).....\$3,500
CFox and Company (CHEERS dance).....\$250
CFox and Company (Valentine's music).....\$250
Rodeo Club rodeo.....\$1,500

TOTAL: \$39,605

Picnics get 16% of fees

BY KATY HURN
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With money allocated specifically to organize the two picnics held on campus each year, "more is getting done."

According to Val Carlisle, student activities director, obtaining funds for the picnics was an inconvenience when student activity fees were split 80-20 between the Campus Activities Board and the Student Senate.

"We would have to go to the Student Senate every year and ask them for money to help put on the picnics," she said. "And we never knew until that happened how much we would be able to spend on picnics."

About two years ago money obtained through student activity fees was reapportioned. Now picnics are included in the budget with 16 percent of the fees designated for them.

"I think there's a lot more getting done, and we're also trying to go for more expensive things, too," Carlisle said.

This semester's Spring Fling will take place April 8-13. A picnic will be held on Friday, April 12.

Money from student activity fees also is designated to other areas. Five dollars of the \$20 fee collected from full-time students each semester automatically is given to the yearbook.

This year, Crossroads staff members are busy trying to raise even more funds as they want to use recycled paper for the yearbook.

"I questioned the additional cost," said Jean Campbell, yearbook adviser. "We already have maxed out the budget. The students wanted the paper because of their commitment to the environment."

Staffers have even received some outside assistance in raising more funds. Esber Shaheen, Middle East expert and president of the International Institute of Technology in Joplin, donated copies of a book he wrote for them to sell.

"He wanted to support them because he believed what they are doing is important," said Campbell.